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It happened here

For more than one hundred years, the men of VMI have been the makers of her fame. The exploits of the Corps and the Institute's body of Alumni have brought praise and recognition in every field of endeavor. It is with the feeling that the past four years have been unusual in the production of outstanding people and events that we present to you the Boxw of 1954.

Outstanding events have filled the cadetship of the Class of '54, and it is this aspect of our tenure at the Institute which we wish to place before you. Highlighted as particularly unique are the appearance of the Corps in the inauguration of the first Republican President in twenty years, the records of one of the nation's outstanding hurdlers and one of VMI's greatest athletes, and the achievement of a Rhodes Scholarship.

VMI's body of Alumni has produced, within this brief span, the Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps, a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and a recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace.

With pride in her past and confidence in her future, the Staff of the 1954 Boxw has gathered this record of four brief, but memorable, years in the history of the Virginia Military Institute.



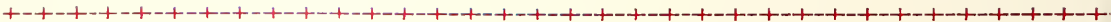


Dedication

For his long years of service, for effort, patience and skill matched by few we render thanks to Colonel B. Davis Mayo. In the memory of all who have known him, he stands as an unforgettable character. The number of men to whom he has taught that "There are two ways to do anything," and on whose heads he has pounded while inquiring, "Don't you see?" is countless.

His service to the Institute cannot be measured in any manner. It lies in his value as a professor and his infinite color and vigor as a man. His receipt of the first check under the V. M. I. Foundation's new retirement plan is a milestone of progress, but it marks the loss to V. M. I. of a man esteemed by all who have known him.

Sincerely we tender our gratitude, and proudly we dedicate this book to Colonel B. Davis Mayo.





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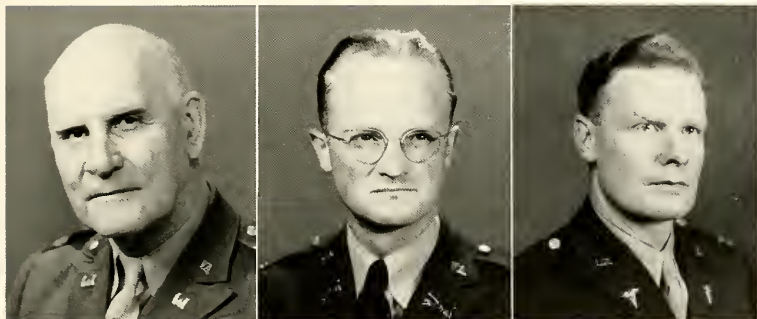


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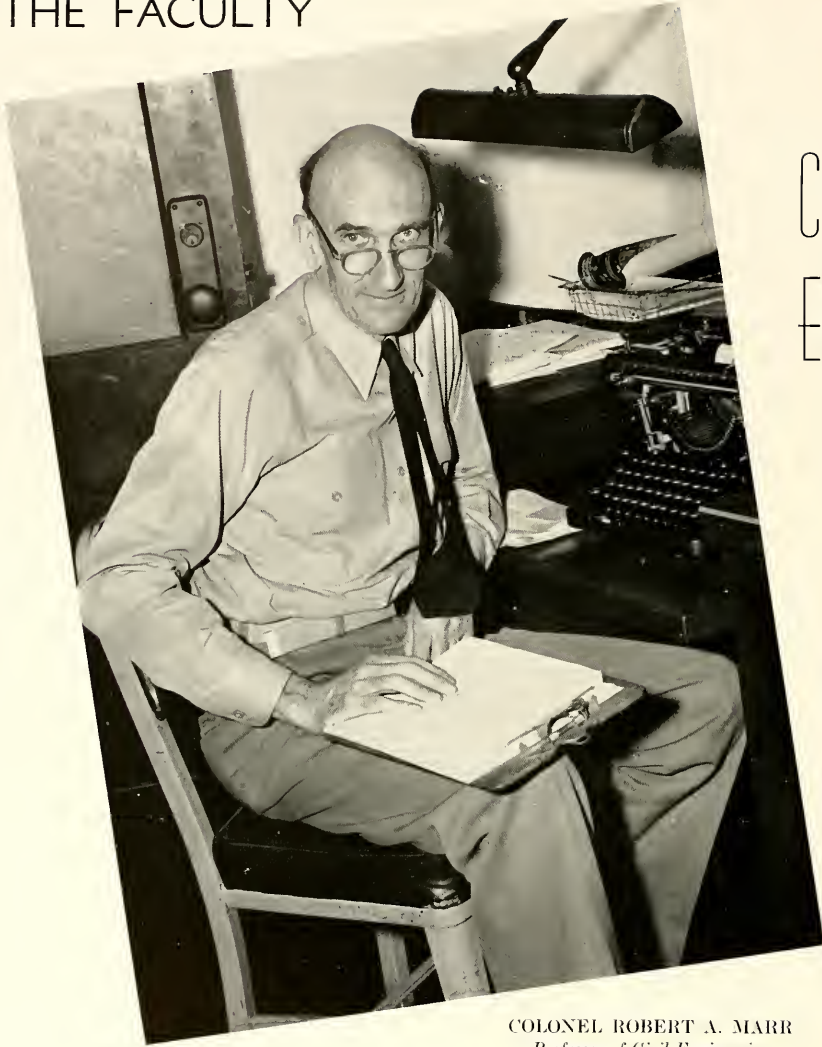


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LT. COL. JOHN E. TOWNES

The Staff of the 1954 BOMB wish to express their thanks to Colonel John E. Townes for his aid in producing this book. His advice, quietly given, has been of invaluable service to the editors and managers of the staff. His understanding of business affairs has enabled him to advise soundly and beneficially in every case. Our thanks are also proffered to Mr. Robert Jeffrey for his advice in the publication of this edition of the BOMB, for without his help many obstacles would not have been surmounted. We wish to take this opportunity to express in some small manner our appreciation to both of these men for their kind assistance in the production of the 1954 BOMB.



A Job Well Done ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



COL. FRANK R. PANCAKE

Three years ago, the tenure of office of Colonel Frank R. Pancake as Commandant of Cadets began. The ensuing period of time has been filled for him with long hours of work, difficulties, misunderstanding, and with it all, a marked improvement in the administration and appearance of the Corps of Cadets.

The job of Commandant is perhaps the most difficult at VMI, for no course can carry with it rewards in every field. Laxity may produce popularity, but at the same time may result in lowering of standards of appearance and conduct. Harshness inevitably produces conflict. The man who leaves VMI this year knows full well the trials of the office which he has filled, for his experiences have run the gamut from conflict to praise.

During his three years as Commandant, Colonel Pancake has brought about a revitalization of speed and efficiency in administration of the guard, a revision of the regulations, and a marked rise in the standards of appearance of the Corps.

His road has not been easy, but he has never turned from what he thought to be right. He has given more of his time, strength, and heart than is required of a man, and it is with a realization of his sincerity and faith in VMI that the 1954 Bomb renders to Colonel Frank R. Pancake a salute for—a job well done.



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Professor of Air Science
and Tactics



LT. COL. HENRY C. KERLIN

Professor of Military Science
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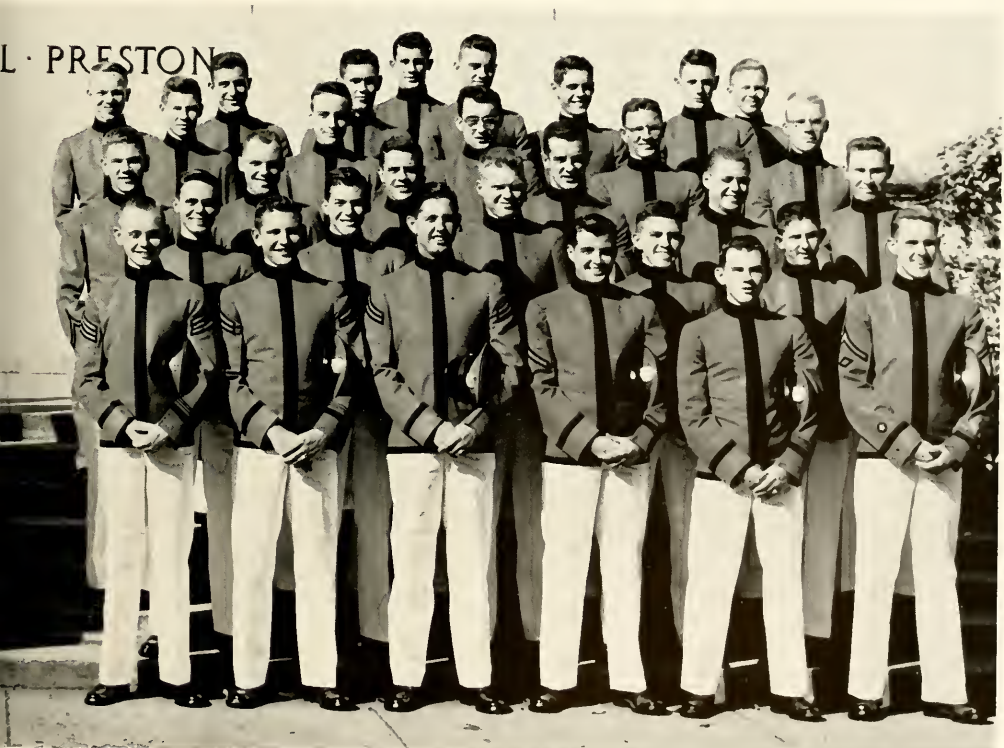
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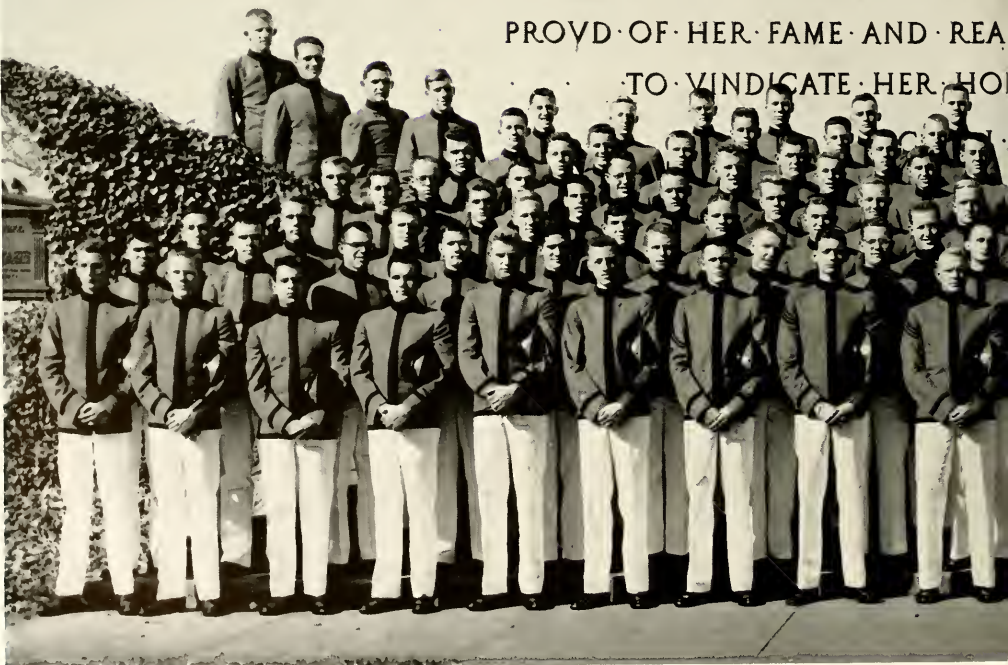
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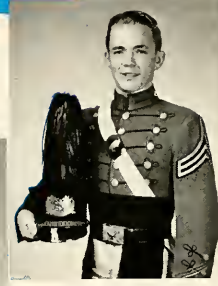
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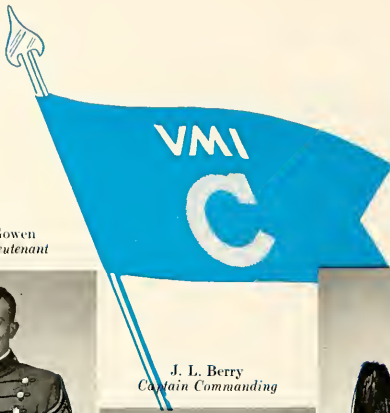
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Aldridge, J. S.
Ayers, T. F.
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Second Lieutenant



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J. R. Wheeler
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SERGEANTS

Jones, G. L. (1st Sgt.)
Belenky, M. M. (Supply Sgt.)
Bregman, M.
Harris, W. O.
May, C. J.
McGruder, B. L.
Osborne, E. W.
Taylor, M. B.
Thompson, R. C.

CORPORALS

Abell, C. W.
Alex, E. J.
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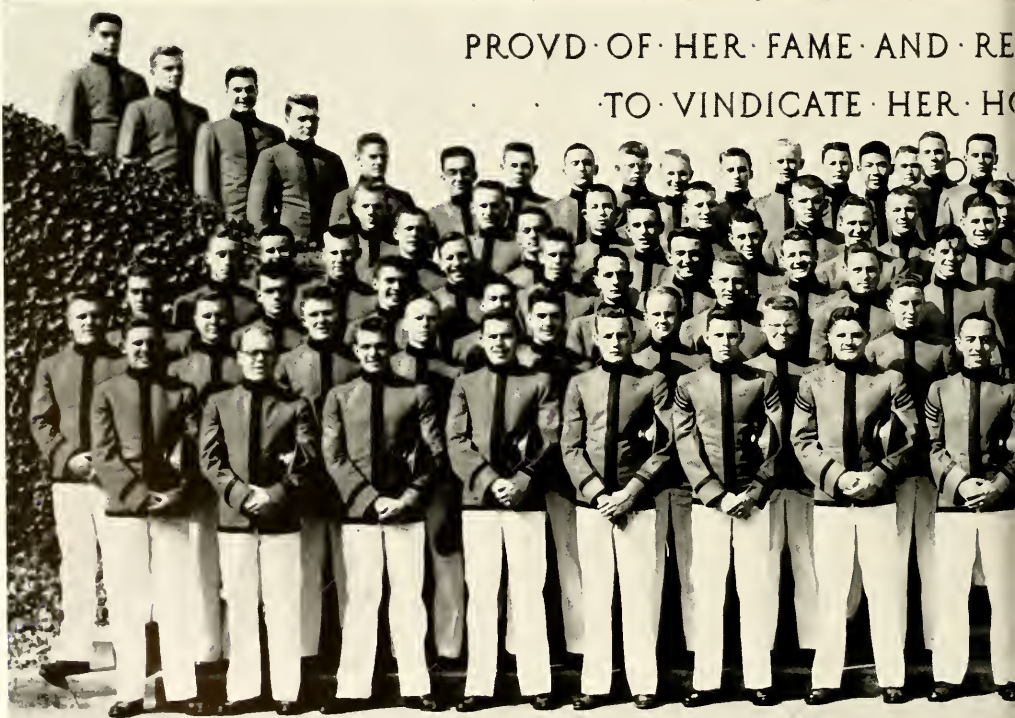
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Woodhouse, H. W.

THIRD CLASS PRIVATES
Barker, T. R.
Brady, R. J.
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FOURTH CLASS PRIVATES
Brooks, W. S.
Bryant, C. W.
Cleveland, G. L.
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Del Vecchio, D. J.
Di Cesare, A. N.
Fraser, R. C.
Gilmore, W. F.

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Hubbard, B. K.
Hunt, R. V.
Hunter, T. F.
Kalleis, N.
Kaye, R. J.
Kirschmier, J. J.
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Rutherford, E. H. (1st Sgt.)
Travers, R. L. (Supply Sgt.)
Burke, D. M.
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Collins, G. R.
Hauke, P. W.
Patane, R. J.
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CORPORALS
Alexander, W. W.
Brawner, J. N.
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Clement, J. E.
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Spears, J. N.
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FIRST CLASS PRIVATES
Brantley, J. W.
Bryan, W. M.
Cokes, E. D.
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Bank, P. L.
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Justice, R. D.
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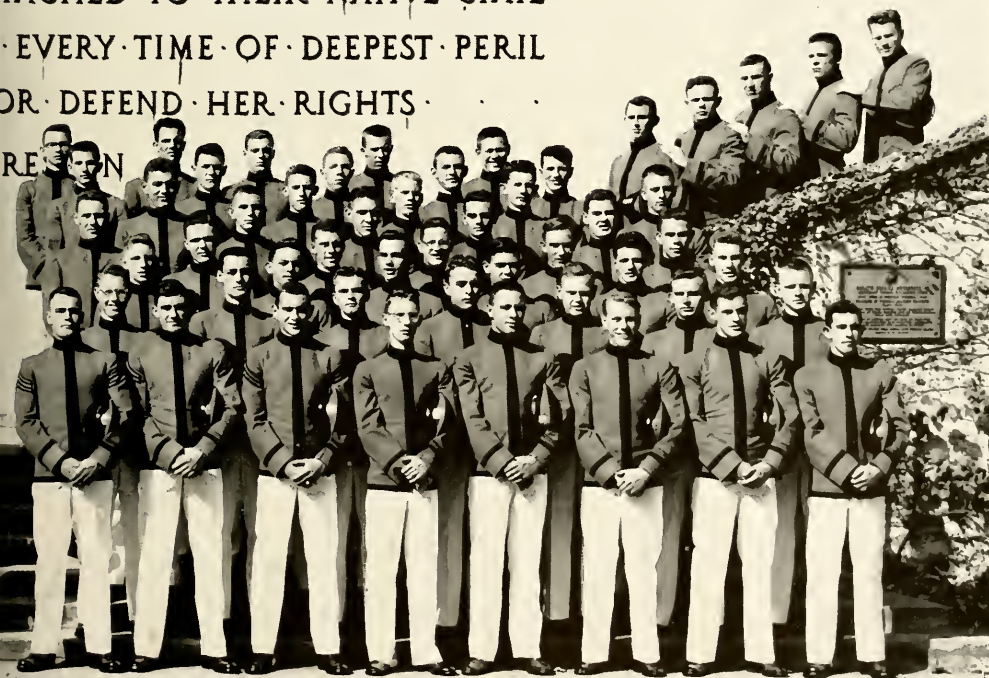
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Meeker, D. E. (1st Sgt.)
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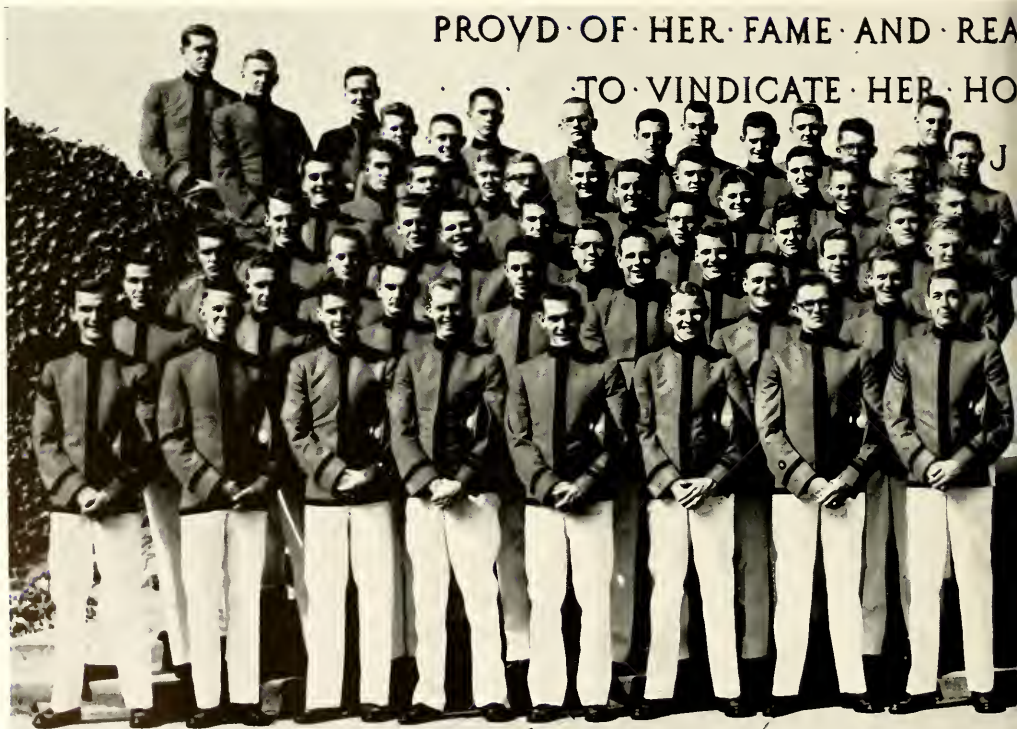
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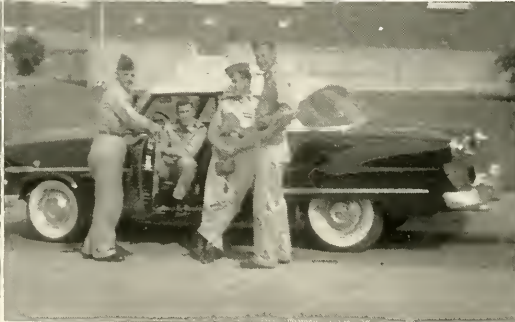
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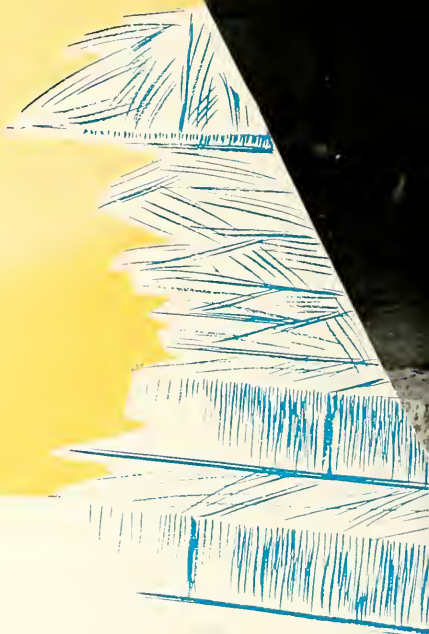
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The Classes





HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '54

On June 15, 1954, the Class of 1954 became Alumni of the Virginia Military Institute. The four years which make up our cadetship are now one panorama of experience, fortunate and unfortunate, grim and humorous. Summer vacations from only slight interruptions to a memory of life as a cadet, and September, 1950 seems far away. It was then that we entered V. M. I., and since that time we have undergone many changes, as individuals and as a class.

Life as a rat has become for the Class of '54 a series of memories of particular incidents. We entered the Institute under the regulations of the "new rat system." Although rather radically altered from previous practices, the rigors of that "easy rat line" seemed no pushover. With the removal of the right to "fin out" a rat, the greatest weapon for correction other than straining became the General Committee, and we suffered the full and potent wrath of that organization. "Injustices" perpetuated upon us by members of the upper classes seem humorous now, though ~~the end of the world seemed in sight at the time. We felt the end nearing with the election of Tommy Armstrong, Bill Berry, and Jack Daniel to lead our class.~~ However, as the result of a decision by the first class, we were forced to remain in the rat line past the set day of May 15, and were not freed until June 2, 1954.

Any cadet's tenure as a third classman brings what seems to be life's darkest moment. Little more than a rat out of the rat line, a third classman is beset with storms of criticism from the first class, the Institute, and with multitudes of ~~academic work more~~ difficult than that previously encountered. Our year was no different. It was, however, that year that the Big Red football team reigned as co-champions of the Southern Conference. It was also that year that the long-to-be-remembered "midnight march" occurred.

A reorganization of the Honor Court resulted in the resignation of Jack Daniel as class historian and his subsequent re-election as a member of the Honor Court. Other men elected to the Court were Bill Satterfield and John Diuguid. When it became known that Bill Satterfield would not return, Don Dunlap was elected to fill his seat on the Court. Swan Yerger became historian.

At the beginning of our second class year Larry Dougherty was elected to take Swan Yerger's place as historian, since the Mississippian did not return. At this time the Ring Committee had drawn up a ring of which we are all very proud. Ring Figure came upon us quickly, and passed in the same manner. It was marked by a party at the Patrick Henry Hotel after the Turkey Day game, and the usual round of fabulous parties throughout the week end. The pleasure of our parents' company and the pride we felt upon receiving our rings will stand out in our memories.

The year closed with the re-election of our same class officers and the laying of the foundations for our first class year by the election of Honor Court and General Committee members. The final formation marked the announcement of the appointment of Bill Dunkelberger to lead the Corps during our first class year.

The Class of '54 took over the administration of barracks with an able set of leaders in every field of activity. This year has been one of the most outstanding in the history of V. M. I. in almost every realm. An underdog Big Red team whipped the Hokies to become the Big Six Champions, and that set the tone for the rest of the year. V. M. I. teams have been winning ever since, and the Class of '54 has contributed a lion's share to the teams which have been so victorious this year. Johnny Mapp was proclaimed Virginia's Athlete of the Year for 1953 to cap the whole series of outstanding performances.

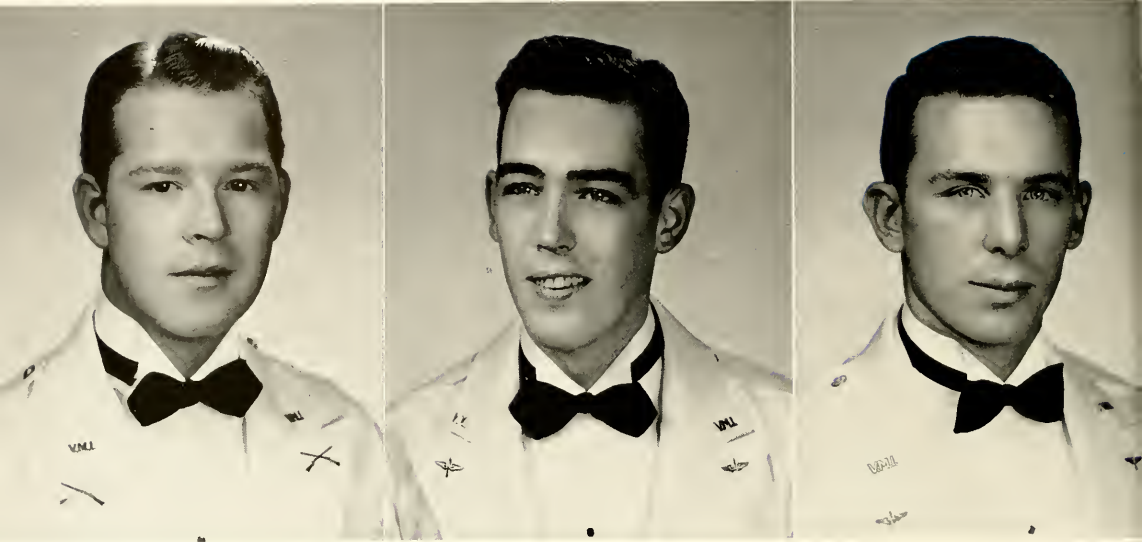
The Corps has been ably led by Bill Dunkelberger, and men such as Don Dunlap as president of the Honor Court and Tommy Armstrong, our class president, heading the General Committee, have succeeded in effecting a measurable upturn in the morale and efficiency of the Corps. Improvements brought about in cooperation with the Institute have been many, and it is hoped that their benefit will remain for the classes behind us.

The Class of 1954 leaves V. M. I. with an abundant harvest in pleasant memories and useful knowledge and experience. V. M. I. has left its indelible mark on us, and we enter the world as V. M. I. men—proud, confident, but with a sense of humility, brought about by life as a cadet, which brings the knowledge that we are a part of something larger and greater than ourselves.



FIRST CLASS OFFICERS

TOMMY ARMSTRONG.....*President*
BILL BERRY.....*Vice President*
LARRY DAUGHERTY.....*Historian*



JOHN M. ABBITT, JR., Norfolk, Virginia—Artillery, English—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Tidewater Club, Methodist Club. Third Class: Private, Glee Club, Tidewater Club. Second Class: Private, Glee Club, Tidewater Club, Associate Editor 1953 BOMB. First Class: Private, Glee Club, Tidewater Club, Officer of the Guard Association, F Company Guidon Bearer.

During his cadetship John has picked up numerous cognomens. Address him by any of these names and you'll receive the same friendly greeting. Always ready to enter into a bridge game or a beer party, John makes himself well liked wherever he goes, despite his red hair. At one time John headed the penalty tour list for so long that some people thought he was the title. After graduation John is going to Washington and Lee law school. With his gift for gab we know he'll make a good mouthpiece.

GRAFTON D. ADDISON, JR., Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Circulation Staff *Cadet*, National Speleological Society. Third Class: Private, Intramural Softball, A. S. C. E. Second Class: Private, Assistant Manager Varsity Football, Little Gym Committee—Ring Figure. First Class: Private, Manager Varsity Football, O. G. A., Vice President Richmond Club.

This long, lean lover from Richmond has always been able to get maximum results with minimum effort. Bud has always looked toward the military with indulgence, toward his studies with respect, and toward the week ends with anticipation. His winning personality and consideration for others will assure his success in any endeavor.

EBEN ROY ALEXANDER, JR., Port Washington, New York—ROTC Branch, Air Force, English—Fourth Class: Newman Club. Third Class: Newman Club, Corporal. Second Class: Newman Club, Sergeant, Amateur Radio Club, Lacrosse, Wrestling. First Class: Newman Club, Second Lieutenant, Cross Country, Lacrosse.

Roy's trademark is truth. He is frank in his beliefs and has the strength of will to practice them. He is gifted with clear vision and high aims—the bulwarks of his ambition. A sharpness of wit enhanced by the warmth of sincerity mark the value of his friendship.





WILLIAM GARNETT ANDERSON, JR., Nimrod Hall, Virginia—Air Force, Electrical Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Football, Wrestling, Baseball. Third Class: Corporal, Football, Wrestling, Intramural Track, Softball. Second Class: Sergeant, Football, Wrestling, Intramural Track, Softball, A. I. E. E., Distinguished Military Student. First Class: Captain, A. I. E. E., Intramural Softball, Track.

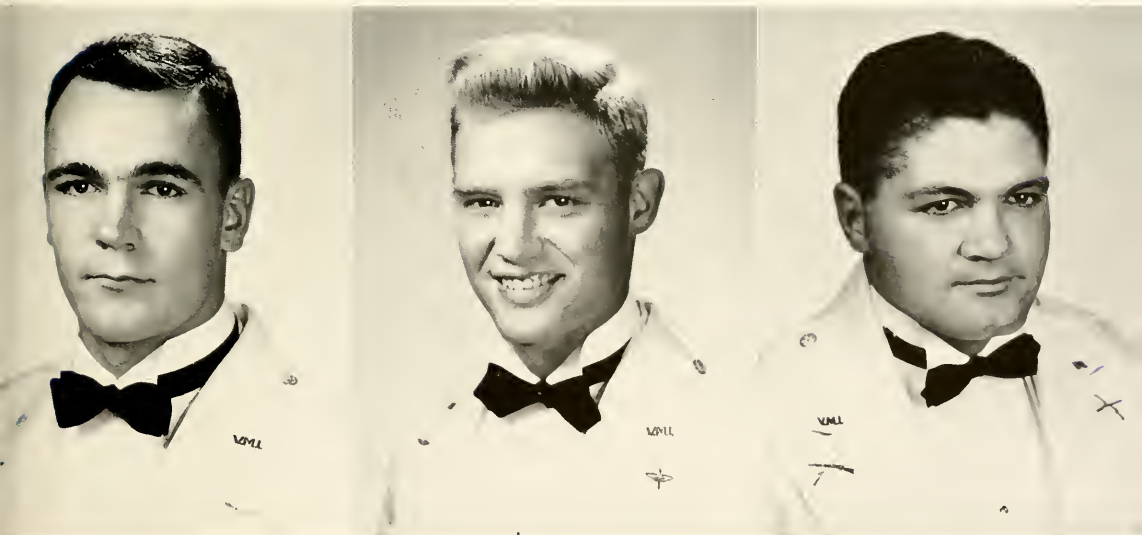
"Buck" certainly bears out that old saying that great men come from little towns. Hailing from Nimrod Hall, Va., he entered V. M. I. with his eye on a degree in Electrical Engineering. With aggressiveness in his work, backed with confidence and self-assurance, Buck has made himself a leader on the drill field, on the athletic field and in the classroom.

JOHN MARTIN PERRY ARCHER, Staunton, Virginia—Air Force, English—Fourth Class: *Cadet Staff*, Canterbury Club. Third Class: Canterbury Club, International Relations Club. Second Class: Sergeant, *Turn-Out Staff*, International Relations Club, Lacrosse Team. First Class: *Cadet Staff*, *Turn-Out Staff*, International Relations Club, Lacrosse Team.

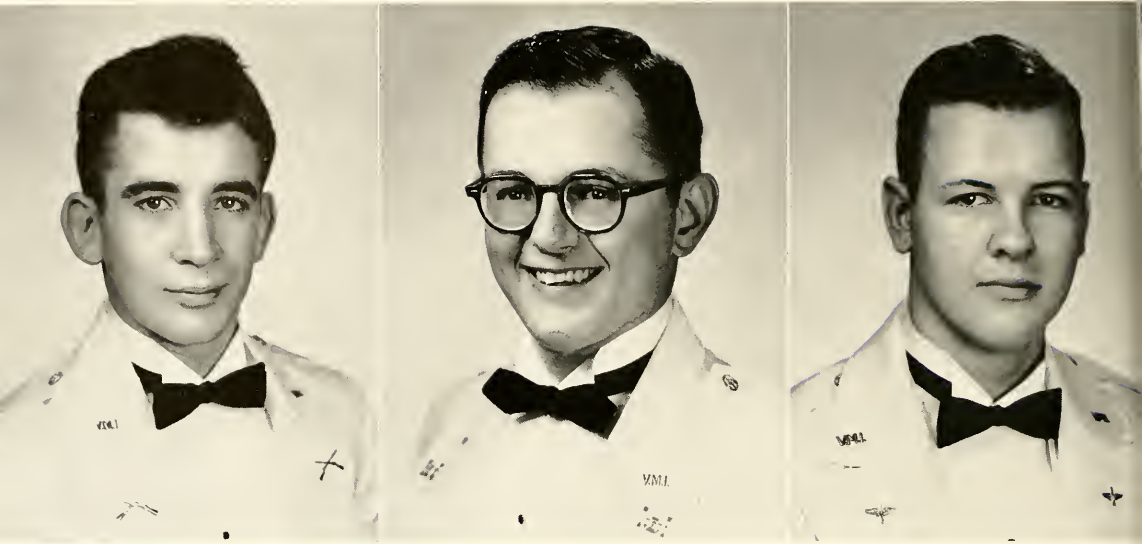
"Long John" hails from the much-frequented town of Staunton—much-frequented by him. Seldom around the Institute on week ends, Perry can be found on any Saturday or Sunday in his hometown, unless under confinement for one of his various escapades. His occupation is with the Liberal Arts. Sporadically on the honor roll and trying his hand in art, Perry has little use for the "M" in V. M. I., preferring philosophy to regulation.

THOMAS C. ARMSTRONG, JR., Newport News, Virginia—Infantry, Chemistry—Fourth Class: Private, Football. Third Class: Corporal, Football, Class President, American Chemical Society. Second Class: Football, American Chemical Society, Sergeant. First Class: Captain Football, American Chemical Society, *Who's Who in American Colleges*.

"Tommy" our class president, guided us through three years of cadet life. He not only won the respect of the whole Corps and the admiration of the Institute Authorities but he excelled in his academics. If Tommy was not born a leader he certainly made himself a fit leader. He gained the rank of Cadet Captain in the Corps and demonstrated his ability to the fullest. We know that whatever Tommy does in life it will always be marked with honest character and the highest integrity.



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CHARLES SCOTT VENABLE BARCLAY, Camp Rucker, Alabama—Infantry, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Texas Club, Rat Cross Country, Armed Forces Club, Rat Wrestling. Third Class: Private, Texas Club, Armed Forces Club, Wrestling, Virginia Academy of Science. Second Class: Private, Timmons Music Club, International Relations Club, Wrestling, Monogram Club, Virginia Academy of Science, Armed Forces Club, Virginia Section American Society of Photogrammetry, Texas Club. First Class: Private, Timmons Music Club, Wrestling, Monogram Club, Armed Forces Club, Texas Club, Canterbury Club, International Relations Club, Virginia Academy of Science, Virginia Section American Society of Photogrammetry.

With the highest regard for individuality and utter disregard for punctuality, Gus "Toulouse Loutrec" combines a sense of humor with diverse intellectual ability. Few people possess such a high code of personal ethics. Thoroughness and hard work characterize Gus's many undertakings and are indications of success which is sure to follow.

EDGAR REUBEN BARE, Lexington, Virginia—Engineers, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Baptist Club. Third Class: Corporal, Baptist Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Private, Executive Committee of American Society of Civil Engineers, Religious Council, Baptist Club, Distinguished Military Student, Distinguished Student. First Class: Private, Honor Court, President American Society of Civil Engineers, Religious Council, Baptist Club, *Who's Who in American Colleges*, Bomb Staff, Cadet Staff, Distinguished Student.

Although he's in the sack more than an L. A., Buddy has managed to become one of "Uncle Buzz's" top civils. Another portion of "Rube's" time has gone into extra-curricular activities, but still he has managed to spend enough time in Lexington to convince one of the home town gals to become a Mrs. *et.* With his sense of humor and ready smile, the future will always be bright for Buddy.

ROBERT BLACKWELL BARNES, JR., Blackstone, Virginia—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Private, Methodist Club, Glee Club. Third Class: Private, Methodist Club. Second Class: Private, History Club, Southside Virginia Club. First Class: Private, O. G. A., History Club, International Relations Club, President Southside Virginia Club.

Randolph-Macon will probably never recover from the mad escapades of the "Blackstone Beauregard," and his pick-up touch. In between his week end trips to Lynchburg, "R. B." dedicated most of his time to the sack which finally gave way under the strain. "R. B." did manage to arise from the depths on such rare occasions as meetings of the "Ho-Dad" and "Thank God it's Friday" Clubs. R. B. will long be remembered, especially by "little red", his four-legged friend, for where else could he have found such understanding?



JOHN L. BARTHELMESS, Savannah, Georgia—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Lutheran Club, Rifle Team, Virginia Academy of Science, Rat Baseball, Intramural Football. Third Class: V. A. S., Lutheran Club, Rifle Team, Armed Forces Club, Corporal. Second Class: V. A. S., Lutheran Club, Rifle Team, Armed Forces Club, International Relations Club. First Class: V. A. S., Lutheran Club, Glee Club, Assistant Swimming Manager, North Side Club, Religious Council.

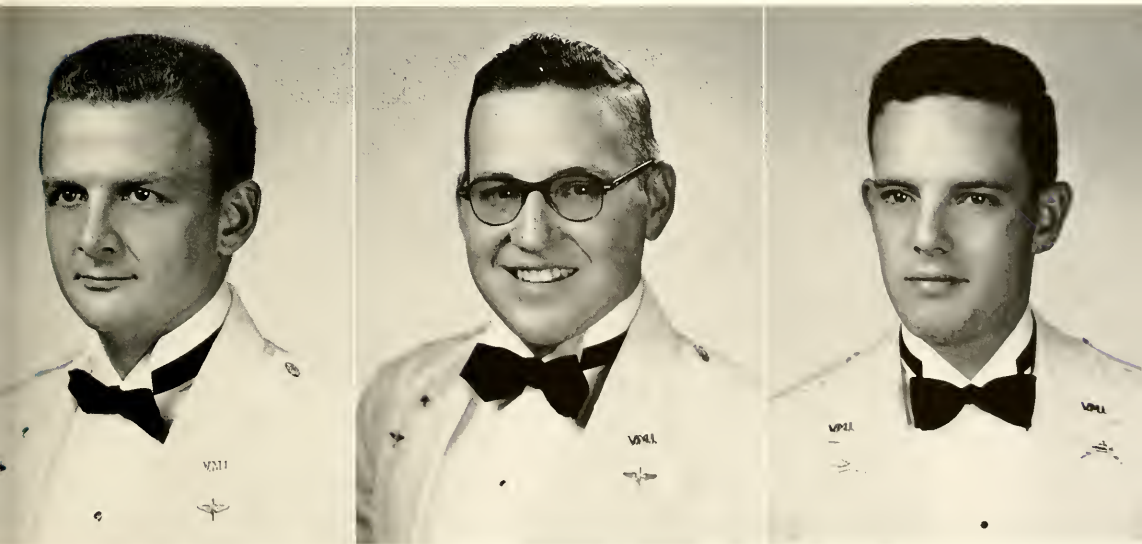
Although "Geechee Boy" left us to try college life for a semester, he returned just as sassy as ever to the old "Bre'r Rats". We all enjoy Bart's ability to have fun, but his complete unselfishness makes him the kind of friend we want to keep for life. The combination of these traits assures John a fruitful life as a doctor.

LELAND GUINN BELL, Lexington, Virginia—Air Force, Chemistry—Fourth Class: Private, Presbyterian Club. Third Class: Private, Presbyterian Club, American Chemical Society. Second Class: Private, Presbyterian Club, American Chemical Society. First Class: Private, Presbyterian Club, American Chemical Society.

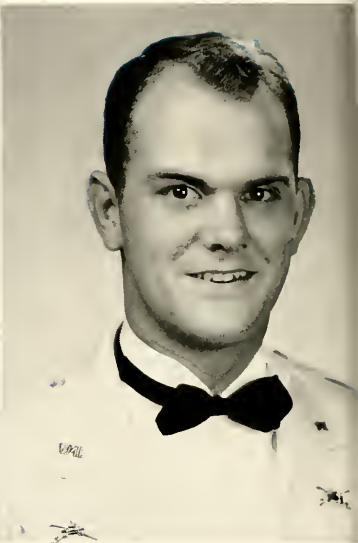
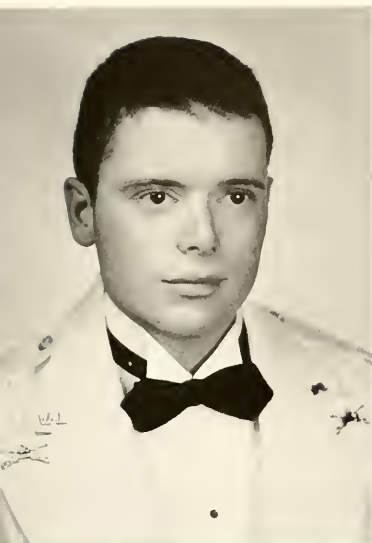
One of Les' Long Sufferers, "Bell-1" could still find time to roam over barracks looking for westerns. His remarkable balance of personality has not been destroyed by his hitch at the "Bastille." Besides majoring in Air Science and test tube washing, Leland found time to acquaint himself with the local female population. Although disapproving of rats in general, no one at the Institute will forget the friendliness of the local boy who made good.

JOHN W. BENSON, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—Armor, English—Fourth Class: Glee Club, Private. Third Class: Private. Second Class: Varsity Baseball Manager, Methodist Club, Private. First Class: Armed Forces Club, Methodist Club, Varsity Baseball Manager, O. G. A.

Johnny came to V. M. I. with his highest ambition firmly established of distinguishing himself with a military career. Three and one-half years have passed since that time, and penalty tour road bears the trodden path of Johnny's frequent visits. Perhaps it was because of this that his viewpoint has changed and now involves graduate school and the study of law. Regardless of Johnny's undertakings within the next few years, we feel that his pleasing personality and determination will assure him success in his future endeavors.



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ELDON CLARENCE BENSON, JR., Lynchburg, Virginia—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Private, Lynchburg Club, Commanders, Indoor Track Team, American Society of Civil Engineers. Third Class: Corporal, Lynchburg Club, Commanders (Leader), Monogram Minstrel. Second Class: Private, Vice President Lynchburg Club, Commanders (Leader), Monogram Minstrel, History Club, Assistant Bugler. First Class: Private, President Lynchburg Club, Commanders (Leader), Monogram Minstrel, O. G. A. Representative from Band Company, History Club, Assistant Bugler.

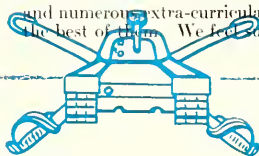
"Teddy" came to the Institute with two outstanding qualities: a sense of humor and the ability to make a trumpet talk. These two qualities have made "Teddy" popular, not only with his Brother Rats, but also wherever the velvet tones of his trumpet, and the V. M. I. Commanders have been heard. Teddy's philosophy, that "one should never let his studies interfere with his college education" and his dry wit have combined to insure that he will always be welcome wherever he may go.

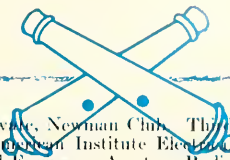
JAMES LONGWORTH BERRY, Charleston, West Virginia—Engineers, Civil Engineer—Fourth Class: Freshman Football, Freshman Swimming. Third Class: Varsity Swimming, Varsity Tennis, Corporal, Member A. S. C. E. (Executive Council). Second Class: Varsity Swimming, Varsity Tennis, Sergeant, Vice President A. S. C. E. Chapter. First Class: Honor Court, Varsity Swimming, Varsity Tennis (Co-Captain). Honor List (Four Years), Captain, Executive Chairman A. S. C. E. Chapter, Distinguished (Three Years).

Although Jim is a very capable man, he is better known around barracks as "The World's Finest Fabulous Fat Fancy Diver." Anyone who has known Jim very long will know that a truer friend cannot be found. He is a hard worker and one that is always pulling for the top. Even though he tries to make you think that he is a connoisseur of fine women, his chief trouble is his love life. When he finally gets this straightened out, then there will be no stopping him.

WILLIAM WILLIS BERRY, Norfolk, Virginia—Armor, Electrical Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Vice President of Class of 1954, Football, Wrestling. Third Class: Corporal, Ring Committee, Wrestling. Second Class: Sergeant, Hop Committee, Board Member A. I. E. E., Wrestling, Monogram Club, Distinguished Military Student. First Class: Second Lieutenant, *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, Chairman A. I. E. E., Treasurer Hop Committee, Superintendent's Advisory Committee, Vice President General Committee and Executive Committee, Distinguished Military Student, Wrestling, Valedictorian.

This Norfolk lad stands as a shining example of the old proverb, "Grass Doesn't Grow on a Busy Street." Not only has his academic record been outstanding but he has found time to distinguish himself in the military, athletics, and numerous extra-curricular activities as well. Despite this full schedule, Bill has found time to whoop it up with the best of them. We feel sure he will enjoy continued success.





DAVID BIRD, Lima, Peru, South America—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Private, Newman Club, Third Class: Private, American Institute Electrical Engineers, Second Class: Private, American Institute Electrical Engineers, Amateur Radio Club, First Class: Private, American Institute Electrical Engineers, Amateur Radio Club, Officer of the Guard Association.

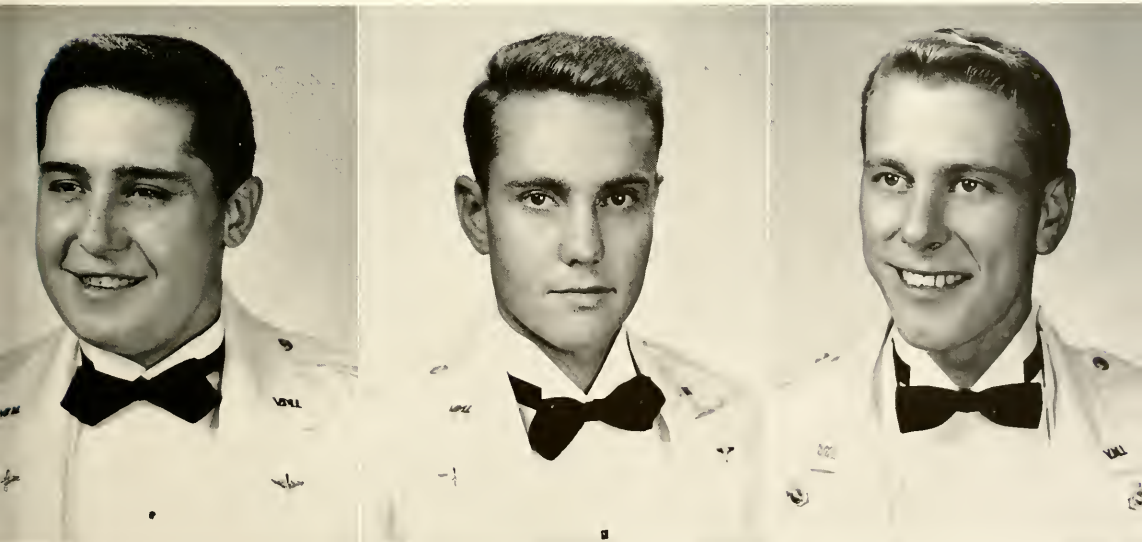
Our "Little Amigo" entered "the line" in "five-ought", bringing with him a cheerful line of his own. This, with his good judgment and hard work, has won him friends from the front office to the courtyard K-9 corps, and should prove valuable throughout his life whether his home is his native Peru or the U. S. A.

WAYNE DOUGLAS BORING, JR., Norfolk, Virginia—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Swimming Team, Tidewater Club, Virginia Academy of Science, Third Class: Corporal, Swimming Team, V. A. S., Tidewater Club, Second Class: Private, I. R. C., Tidewater Club, Swimming Team, V. A. S. First Class: Private, I. R. C., Tidewater Club, O. G. A., V. A. S.

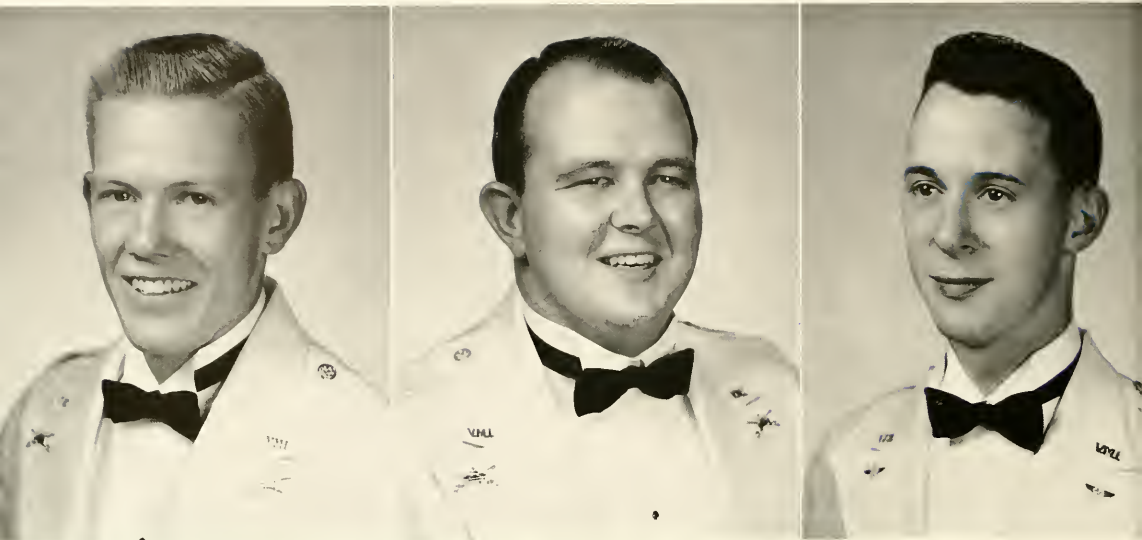
Considering the small amount of time a certain little blonde from Hollins has given him, Wayne has made an outstanding record here at the Institute. The time that he could have spent on extra-curricular activities, he chose to spend with "Doc" down in the lab. Out of this fair-haired cadet we expect to obtain a very excellent and conscientious doctor. Good luck, Wayne, and God bless you.

JAMES WENDELL BRAMLET, Harrisburg, Illinois—Infantry—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Armed Forces Club, Third Class: Corporal, Glee Club, Armed Forces Club, Infantry Demonstration, Second Class: Supply Sergeant, Glee Club, Armed Forces Club, History Club, D. M. S., International Relations Club, Monogram Minstrel, Infantry Demonstration, First Class: Private, Glee Club President, Armed Forces Club, Vice President V. M. I. Commanders, History Club, International Relations Club, D. M. S., O. G. A., Cadet Staff, Monogram Minstrel.

Nine hundred and ninety-nine per cent pure—fun. Jim, a ladies' man, was a party-boy, who was never known to let a good time pass unless the authorities intervened. His determination, however, is bound to lead him to success in future endeavors. Jim, who will be remembered for stoically trying to stare down the Institute, now wears two glass eyes—to quote, "Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."



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AUSTIN S. BRIDGEFORTH, Kenbridge, Virginia—Artillery, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Wrestling, Methodist Club. Third Class: Private, Methodist Club. Second Class: Private, Methodist Club, Organizer and president of the Southside Club. First Class: Private, Methodist Club, Vice President of the Southside Club, O. G. A.

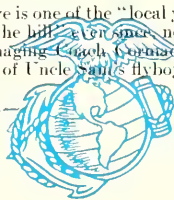
Austin came to us from Kenbridge, Virginia, and has made a lasting impression on the Institute. We all know him from his monthly collections on the newspaper, and appreciate his humor and gracious attitude toward the rest of his Brother Rats. We know that he will be a credit to his school from the industrious attitude that he has shown to his subjects. We wish him the best of luck in the future and we all look forward to his return in the future.

WILLIAM MCNAIR BRYAN, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee—Armor, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private. Third Class: Monogram Club, Golf Team, Private, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Monogram Club, Golf Team, Captain Golf Team, American Society of Civil Engineers, Private. First Class: Monogram Club, Captain Golf Team, Officers of the Guard Association, Intramural Council, American Society of Civil Engineers, "E" Company Intramural Manager.

"Willie" Bryan, the Class of 1954's prize inheritance! He was here to greet us and show his adopted Brother Rats how to make the most of four years at the Institute. Whether on the working end of a transit or golf club, he was always willing to lend a hand or drop a word of encouragement in the "Bryan Manner." Graduation will take away a great guy, but we're sure that those in the future will welcome him as we have.

WILLIAM DAVIES BURKS, Buena Vista, Virginia—Air Force, English—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club. Third Class: Private, Glee Club. Second Class: Private, Glee Club, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Canterbury Club. First Class: Private, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track.

Dave is one of the "local yokels" who came to us from nearby Buena Vista in the fall of 1950 and has been "pressing up the hill" ever since, not the hill of science, however, for he is an English major. He has spent most of his time managing Coach Cornack's trackmen and doing what all LA's are accused of—sleeping. We wish him luck as one of Uncle Sam's flyboys.





BEN ALBERT BURTON II, Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, Electrical Engineer—Fourth Class: Cave Club, International Relations Club, Methodist Club, Richmond Club, Raf Cross Country. Third Class: Cave Club, International Relations Club, Methodist Club, Richmond Club, Corporal. Second Class: Cave Club, Richmond Club, International Relations Club, Sergeant. First Class: Richmond Club, Student Member American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Private.

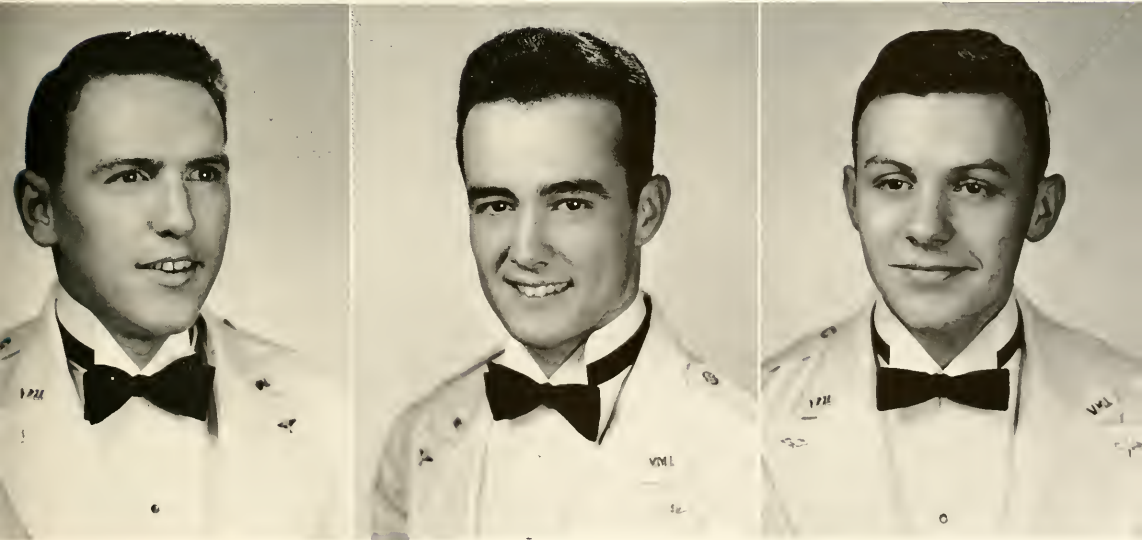
"Stripes" Burton, the EE sack artist, could never be called indefatigable. He conserved his strength, not for Jiggs' quizzes, but for the coming week end when with his suave and savoir faire character he could woo Virginia's loveliest femmes. Fear not though, Prince Albert, your future is bright for amid your quest for pleasure there is a certain unconquerable seriousness destined to guide others and make you a leader among men.

JOSEPH E. CARNEY, JR., Lawrence, Massachusetts—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Cross Country, Newman Club, Private. Third Class: Commanders, Intramurals, Corporal. Second Class: Glee Club, Commanders, Sergeant, Intramurals. First Class: Glee Club, Newman Club, Private, Monogram Minstrel, Commanders.

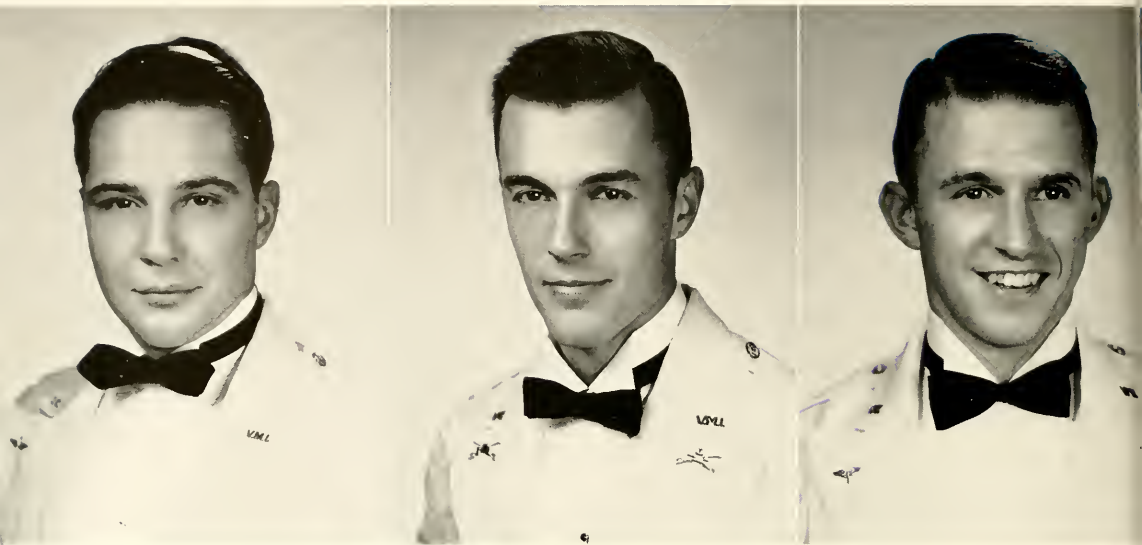
A young lady from a well-known Southern Woman's Institution in Buena Vista once defined Joe as "The coolest operator since Frigidore." This definition aptly describes Jo Carney, easily the most melodious individual to don the Keydet grey in the last decade. Noted for his garrulonsness, friendliness, coolness, and Mister "B" shirt collars, the Lawrence, Mass. "Hummingbird," when he departs from the Institute, will assuredly leave an unfilled space in the hearts of those men who really knew him.

DAVID HENRY CARSON, New York City, New York—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Cadet Staff, Rifle Team, Virginia Academy of Science, Newman Club. Third Class: Corporal, V. A. S., Newman Club, Cadet Staff. Second Class: Sergeant, V. A. S., Northside Club. First Class: Captain, V. A. S.

Dave has brought a lot of chuckles to our grubby abode from the "Big City" with his beer humor and Martini attitude. These, along with his finer traits have made him a good friend who will always be remembered. Dave is one of those who has managed to do well as a Pre-Med even with his L. A. attitude. We are sure Dave will do us proud at Columbia and later as a doctor.



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RICHARD HENRY CASEY, Alexandria, Virginia—Armor, Physics—Fourth Class: Rat Football, Rat Wrestling, Rat Track, American Institute of Physics, Private. Third Class: Private, American Institute of Physics. Second Class: Private, American Institute of Physics Secretary. First Class: Private, American Institute of Physics President.

"Richie" is 50% of the first class physics section. There's never a dull moment when the little Irishman is around and his sense of humor has made and will continue to make many a party ring true to the traditions of V. M. I. "Richie's" ambitious traits will always prove a credit on V. M. I. and any organization in any field of endeavor.

EDWIN WILSON CHANDLER, Arlington, Virginia—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Private, Methodist Club. Third Class: Private, Semester Honor Roll. Second Class: Private, *Turn-Out* Staff, History Club, D. M. S. First Class: Private, O. G. A. Representative, Feature Editor of *Turn-Out*, History Club, Armed Forces Club, D. M. S.

"Guts and Armor" Chandler, and what happens? He winds up in the Infantry. Although Ed's military accomplishments on the "Hill" don't show it, he is one of Colonel Kerlin's tactical geniuses, and intends to take advantage of the government's thirty-year plan. Ed began his four years at V. M. I. as a Civil Engineer, but soon discovered that his game of Bridge was suffering, so needless to say he will graduate with a B.A. in History. He's a great guy and if our luck can do him any good on the way to the top, he has it all.

GLENDEL WILLIAM COCK, Meadows of Dan, Virginia—Air Force, Electrical Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Baptist Club Vice President, Rat Baseball. Third Class: Corporal, Baptist Club Vice President, A. I. E. E. Second Class: Regiment Supply Sergeant, Baptist Club Vice President, A. I. E. E., International Relations Club. First Class: First Lieutenant, Battalion S-1, Baptist Club, A. I. E. E., *Cadet* Staff, International Relations Club.

"Reggie" is Meadows of Dan's contribution to V. M. I.'s slide rule wizards (EE's). His "varied" life here differed from the usual regimented one in that he never held the same rank for two semesters, never had his privileges for two months in a row, and never dated the same girl for two dances. Glen has set his sights for the Air Force, being one of the lucky ones to get bars, and we can be certain the Officers Club will have a lasting member.



LAURENCE LEE COCKERILLE, JR., Washington, D. C.—Infantry, Pre-Med—Fourth Class: V. A. S., Canterbury Club. Third Class: V. A. S., Canterbury Club. Second Class: V. A. S., Canterbury Club. First Class: V. A. S., Canterbury Club, O. G. A.

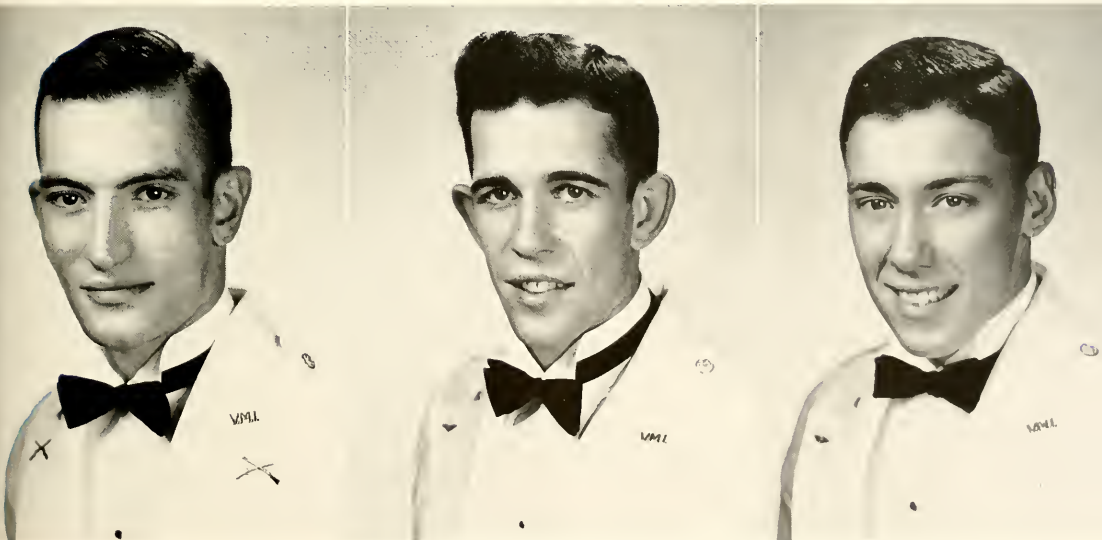
It is indeed a misfortune that "Speed" chose medicine instead of law as his profession. Besides being a terrific roommate, "Speed" is also a great "barracks lawyer," and many of his Brother Rats wonder if he didn't miss his calling. However, to U. Va. med school next fall for "Speedy", and with him goes the wish from all of us, that he attains the same success and popularity that has followed him throughout his cadetship.

ELBERT DIXON COCKES, Surry, Virginia—Air Force, Electrical Engineering—Fourth Class: Baptist Club, Baseball, Intramural Football, Softball, Private. Third Class: Private, A. I. E. E., Intramural Football, Softball. Second Class: Private, A. I. E. E., Amateur Radio Club, Intramural Football, Softball. First Class: Private, A. I. E. E., Company Clerk, Flying Club, O. G. A.

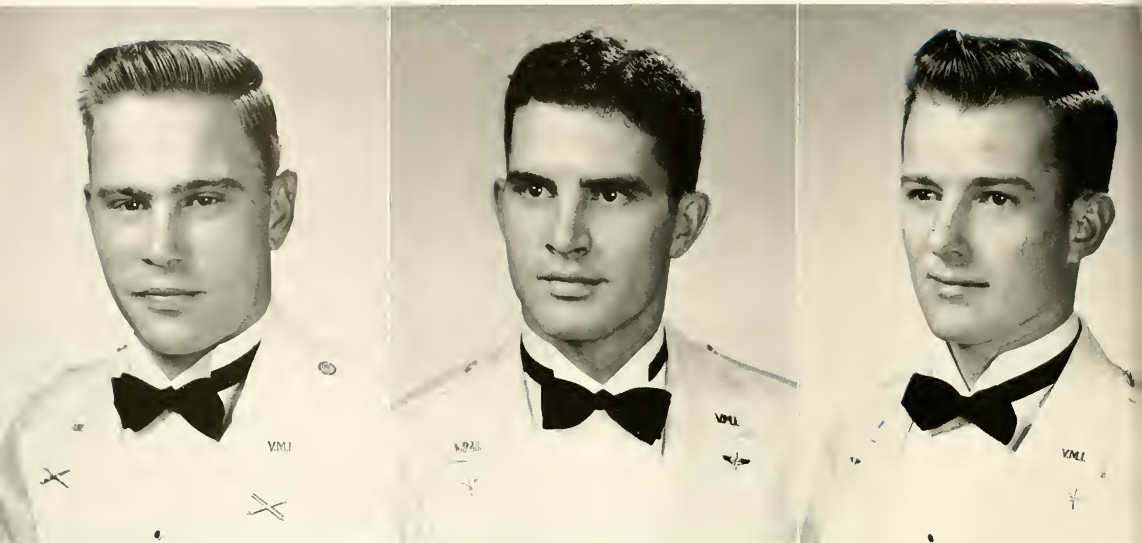
Armed with a slide rule, E. Dixon set out to solve the problems of A. C., D. C. and Shirley Seward's nursing hours. His success can be measured by the extended week ends he has enjoyed. Perhaps the most noteworthy characteristic of Dick is his quiet and unassuming manner, which will assure his success in anything he does.

JOHN COLE, JR., Virginia Beach, Va.—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Track, Canterbury Club, North Side Club, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Corporal, Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track, Canterbury Club, Virginia Academy of Science, Tidewater Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track, North Side Club, Circulation Staff of the Bomb, Ring Figure Committee, Monogram Club, Monogram Minstrels, V. A. S., Tidewater Club. First Class: Private, Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track, North Side Club, Circulation Staff of the Bomb, Sergeant-at-Arms O. G. A., Monogram Club, Monogram Minstrels, V. A. S., Tidewater Club.

There goes "Moses" up-up and almost over. Perhaps "Moses" is not the greatest pole vaulter the Institute has ever produced, but he is certainly one of the hardest working ones. Seriously though, we sincerely believe that Jack will go farther at U. Va. and in medicine than he ever did on the end of a pole.



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MALCOLM G. COLEMAN, New Orleans, Louisiana—Artillery, History—Fourth Class: Football, Track, Blood Bowl, Newman Club, Louisiana Club, Private, Armed Forces Club. Third Class: Private, Newman Club, Blood Bowl, Louisiana Club, Armed Forces Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Armed Forces Club, Newman Club, Blood Bowl. First Class: Lieutenant, Armed Forces Club, Blood Bowl, Newman Club.

Here is one of the few men at V. M. I. who lavishes all his attention on one girl instead of giving the whole tribe a chance. "Mac" came to us from the swamps of Louisiana, New Orleans no less, and for four years, through thick and thin, has managed to hold his own. The boy with the big smile for his aims in life with his sense of humor and unbeatable determination.

DONALD GENE COLWELL, Bluford, Illinois—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Rat Basketball, Rat Baseball, Private. Third Class: Corporal, Varsity Basketball, Monogram Club, M. D. A. Second Class: Sergeant, Varsity Basketball, Monogram Club, M. D. A. First Class: Private, Varsity Basketball, Monogram Club, O. G. A.

Don hails from the Mid-West, but when listening to his southern drawl no one would ever guess it. He has managed to go through four years at V. M. I. without suffering any ill effects, though he has never been a lover of the military. His true love is basketball and he has made quite a name for himself with the big red hoopsters. Quiet and level-headed, Don is living proof of the old adage, "Still waters run deep." Though he has devoted a great deal of time to athletics, he has also spent a lot of time studying History, his major. One of Uncle Sam's future jet pilots, Don plans to devote three years to the Air Force and then return to Bluford and settle down. Here's wishing him a lot of luck and happiness, both now and in the future.

FRANK H. CONLEY, New York, New York—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Private, Literary Staff of *Turn-Out*, Civil Air Patrol, Newman Club, Intramural Tennis, Glee Club. Third Class: Corporal, Literary Staff of *Turn-Out*, Secretary of the Pilots Club, Newman Club, International Relations Club, Armed Forces Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Literary Editor of *Turn-Out*, President of the Pilots Club, Bomb Staff, Armed Forces Club, History Club. First Class: Private, Managing Editor of *Turn-Out*, President of Pilots Club, Aviation Editor of *Cadet*, Armed Forces Club, Officers of the Guard Association.

The "Cat" is our battle-scarred hero of many campaigns and is still the victor of many engagements, but he seems to be losing the battle of the vanishing hairline. He has had many tussles with rank and romance, but he always seems to come out on top. This guy just won't quit! Next year Frank will be flying jets, and if we know him he will be flying high, wide and handsome.



ALFRED BARTLETT CRAMER III, Norfolk, Virginia—Air Force, Pre-Medical—Fourth Class: Private, Canterbury Club, Indoor Track, Tidewater Club, North Side Club. Third Class: Corporal, Virginia Academy of Science, Tidewater Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Supply Sergeant, Circulation Staff of Bomb. Vig. President V. A. S., North Side Club, D. M. S., Tidewater Club. First Class: First Lieutenant, Circulation Manager of Bomb. D. M. S., President V. A. S., Hop Committee, Tidewater Club, North Side Club.

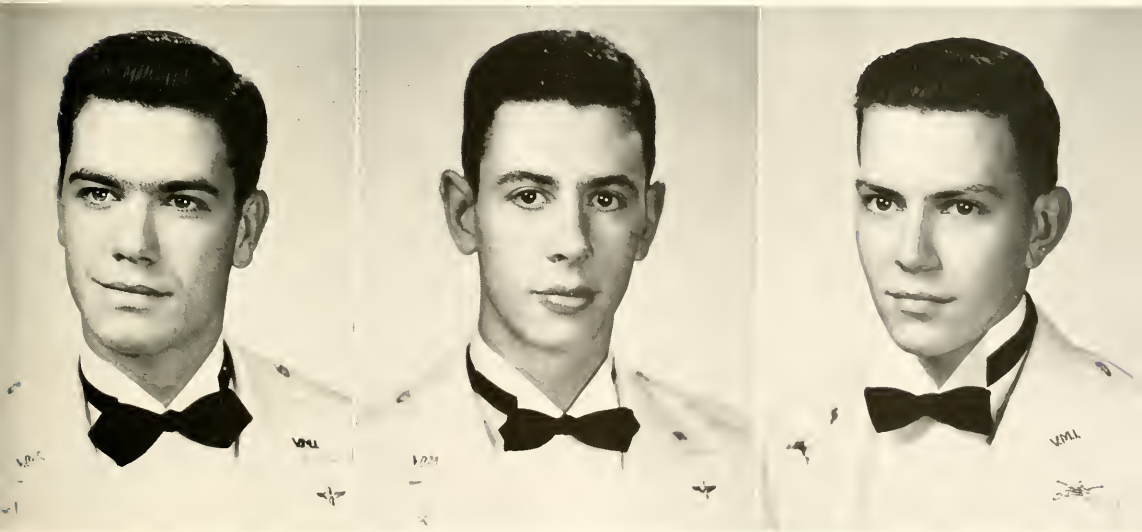
Dr. "Poops" got the jump on his fellow pre-meds by being the first accepted into medical school. Undoubtedly this being because of the inexhaustible supply of everything from snake-oil to wonder drugs he has in the top shelf of his locker. Devoting his time to studying and marching, Al has done pretty well considering his intelligence. Seriously, Al has been outstanding both academically and militarily. Also, "Poops" has found time to participate in many extra-curricular activities for which little credit has been given. We know that he will continue to be a success at M. C. V.

DAVID ALAN CROCKETT, Fork Union, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Baseball, Basketball, Intramural Football "F" Co. Third Class: Corporal, Varsity Baseball, Intramural Basketball and Football, A. S. C. E., Monogram Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Varsity Baseball, Second Team All-State Pitcher, Second Team All-State First Base, 300 Club Member in Southern Conference Baseball, A. S. C. E., Monogram Club, Intramural Basketball Champions "F" Co. First Class: Private, Varsity Baseball, Captain 1954 Team, Intramural Basketball Champions "F" Co., A. S. C. E., Monogram Club, Company Representative O. G. A., Cadet Waiter.

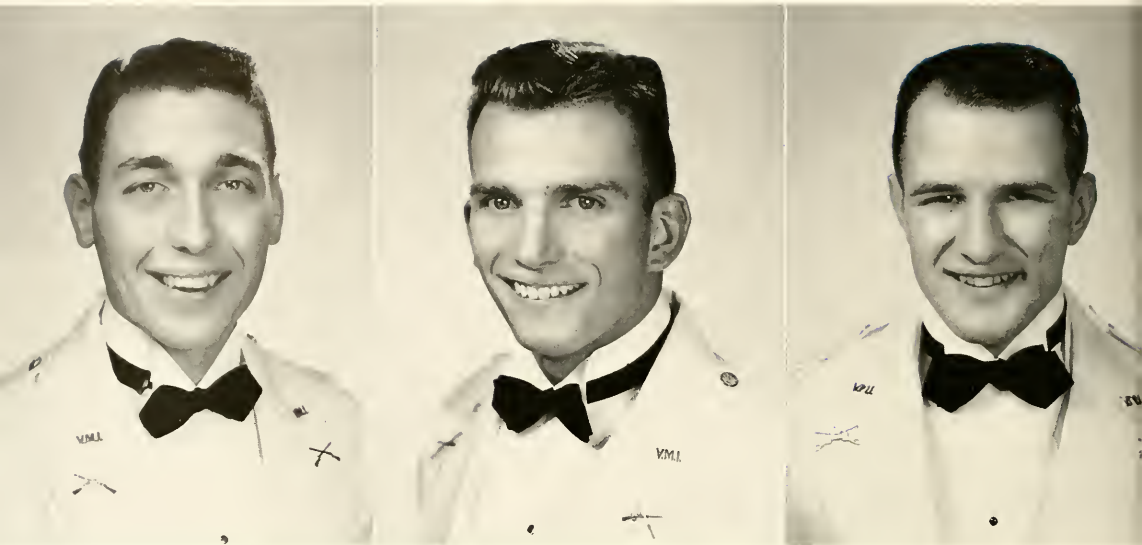
Whenever the sounds of "that fiddle" echo through barracks there are no questions of where they come from, for we know who is practicing again. Alan is at his heights either with a bow or on the mound pitching for "Big Red" Baseball Team, which he captains. Whether Davy Crockett chooses baseball for a career or decides to enter the business world, success and happiness are to follow this likable guy wherever he may go.

JAMES LITTLE CROSWHITE, Covington, Virginia—Armor, Chemistry—Fourth Class: Cadet Staff, Bomb Staff. Third Class: Cadet Staff, International Relations Club, Corporal, American Chemical Society. Second Class: Armed Forces Club, Cadet Staff, International Relations Club, Distinguished Military Student, American Chemical Society, Sergeant. First Class: Armed Forces Club, Second Lieutenant, American Chemical Society.

His motto, "Study during the week and rock 'em on the week ends," and to this he adhered. Jim has and always will accept his responsibilities and perform his duties in a manner which leaves little to be desired. His high intelligence and quiet, unassuming, but driving personality will carry him to the top in the army or industry, whichever he may choose.



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WILLIAM EDWARD CRUMPLER, Richmond, Virginia—Infantry, Biology—Fourth Class: Richmond Club, Glee Club, Presbyterian Club, American Chemical Society, Private. Third Class: Richmond Club, Glee Club, American Chemical Society, Virginia Academy of Science, Presbyterian Club, Corporal. Second Class: Richmond Club, Glee Club, Presbyterian Club, Distinguished Military Student, Virginia Academy of Science, Supply Sergeant. First Class: Richmond Club, Glee Club, Presbyterian Club, D. M. S., Virginia Academy of Science, Captain.

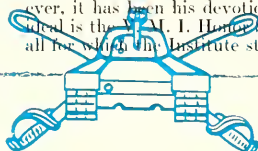
"Rock 'em, roll 'em, all night long," that's our Bill. When hearing a pleading cry for help from outside barracks you can bet it's Bill who can't quite make it through the window. He was promoted from first lieutenant to commander of Fox Company for his ability to get along with everyone and his ambition to excel. Bill met "Cookie" his third class year and his feet haven't touched ground since. We'll be glad when he marries her and are sure she will let him down gently.

LEWIS WESLEY CUTRER, JR., Houston, Texas—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Texas Club, Football, Swimming. Third Class: Corporal, Texas Club, Armed Forces Club, Football. Second Class: First Sergeant, Texas Club Vice President, History Club, Armed Forces Club. First Class: Captain, Texas Club President, History Club Vice President, Newman Club.

"Lewy" Cutrer, sometimes known as the "Monk" with reference to his relatively cloistered senior year, came to V. M. I. with visions of future stripes on his arms from the very first day of his Rat year. He'd been well indoctrinated with the essence of a successful cadetship shortly before he left his magnificent home state and disappointed no one in his admirable climb, despite a brief interlude of parties at U. T. To "Cathy" and Lew and a brilliant law career, we wish the best of luck.

JOHN SPENCER DANIEL, JR., Tupelo, Mississippi—Armed, History—Fourth Class: Rat Cross Country, Rat Wrestling, Rat Track, elected Historian of Class of '54, Intramurals. Third Class: Private, elected to Honor Court, Cadet Staff, Mississippi Club, Blood Bowl, Class Historian. Second Class: Honor Court, Mississippi Club, Private, Intramurals. First Class: Lieutenant "C" Company, Honor Court, Distinguished Military Student, Deep South Club, Co-Captain First Battalion Blood Bowl Team, Intramurals.

The sight of a body hooked onto a "Schnozz" has meant only one thing to the Class of '54—Mr. Burros. His familiar smile and sincere interest in everyone have made him a good counselor in every sort of difficulty. However, it has been his devotion to a single ideal which has set him apart as a valuable member of the class—that ideal is the V. M. I. Honor System. His belief in it and contribution to it have made him a true representative of all for whom the Institute stands, and gives the qualities the Regular Army needs in an officer and gentleman.



WEBB RANDOLPH DAVIS, Front Royal, Virginia—Engineers, Civil Engineer—Fourth Class: Private, Third Class: Private, ASCE. Second Class: Private, ASCE, Baptist Club. First Class: Private, O. G. A., A. S. C. P. Baptist Club.

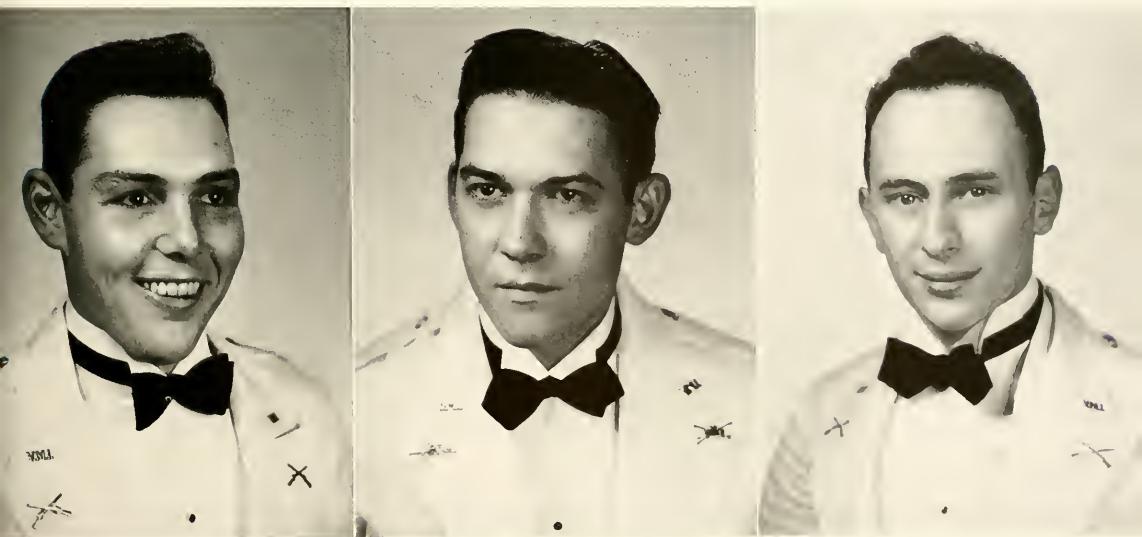
Known to everyone as the "Mello Man," Webb's jolly personality and pleasing smile have won him many friends. One must look far to find a truer friend and companion, or a greater guy than this mello fellow. However, all has not come so easy, and Webb can well be proud of that sheepskin in June. From all of us a well deserved wish for good luck and happiness to the "original Governor from Front Royal."

HERMAN R. DECKER, Buena Vista, Virginia—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Football Team, Rat Wrestling, Rat Track. Third Class: Private, Track Team, Monogram Club. Second Class: Private, Monogram Club. First Class: Private, Track Team, History Club, Monogram Club.

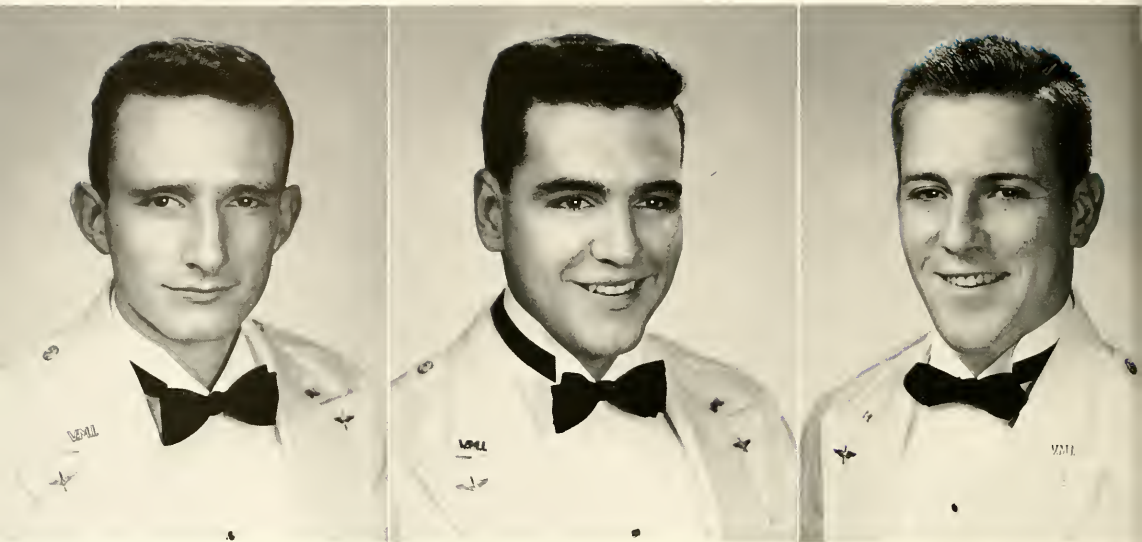
"Herm" is the quiet guy who came from Buena Vista. He never has much to say, but when he does it is always of great value. He has the greatest spirit of anybody we know. He was a Southern Conference champion in the 100-yard dash, and then after pulling a muscle in his leg, he has had to fight hard all the way to reach his prime once more. Herman will always succeed because he makes friends easily, and is liked by everyone.

DANNY CHRIS DIAMONDIDIS, Clifton Forge, Virginia—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Wrestling, Private, Third Class: Wrestling, Glee Club, Private, Turn-Out Staff. Second Class: Wrestling, Glee Club, Timmons Music Club, Sergeant, Turn-Out Staff, Intramural Council. First Class: O. G. A., Commanders, Private, Wrestling Team Manager, Timmons Music Club.

Many times you've tried to get a booth in the music room or the P. X., but of course "The Rock" was there. Danny was everywhere—track meets, basketball games, football games, forced marches, and O. G. (5.6). We can't forget his fine personality which won him many friends on the post as well as at Clifton Forge. Of course Harry James played a sweeter trumpet but Danny was a success with the V. M. I. Commanders. To this "Rock", everybody's Brother Rat Dan, go our sincere hopes for a life as successful and rich in the future as it has most certainly been at V. M. I.



CLASS OF 1954



J. P. DIUGUID—Baltimore, Maryland—Air Force—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Cross Country, Rat Track, Westminster Fellowship, *Cadet*, Bomb, I. R. C. Third Class: *Cadet*, I. R. C., Honor Court, Distinguished Student, Intramurals. Second Class: Honor Court, Ring Figure Flower and Favor Committee Chairman, *Cadet*, Distinguished Student, I. R. C., Religious Council, Intramurals. First Class: Captain, Regt. S-4, Editor-in-Chief *Cadet*, Vice President Honor Court, Secretary International Relations Club, *Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities*, Distinguished Student, Distinguished Military Student, Intramurals.

"Still water runs deep." 'Tis true and those who did not know John might feel that this alone could be said of him. Yet, we who know his quick wit, his hearty laugh, his ever-ready generosity know that there never lived a more fun-loving individual. John, with his quiet determination, his high sense of honor and level-headedness has left his mark at the Institute. He has also left his mark in our hearts by his loyalty, devotion and generosity.

HUGH LARRABEE DOUGHERTY, JR., Norfolk, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Tidewater Club, Glee Club, A. S. C. E., Rat Track. Third Class: Corporal, Tidewater Club, A. S. C. E., Glee Club, Basketball Team, Historian '54, General and Executive Committee, Monogram Club. Second Class: Sergeant, '54 Ring Figure Chairman, Basketball Team, A. S. C. E., Glee Club, Northside Club, Tidewater Club, Monogram Club. First Class: Lieutenant, Northside Club, Glee Club, Monogram Club, Superintendent's Cadet Advisory Council, A. S. C. E., Hop Committee Business Manager.

Few men have ever left the Institute with such a creditable and outstanding record as Larry has compiled. He has used his marvelous persuasive ability and his engaging personality to lead his Brother Rats in every phase of cadet life. As if this were not enough, Larry has been blessed with a keen sense of humor and a magnetic personality and these traits combined with his numerous other qualifications have won him the admiration and respect of all the cadets of all classes.

LOUIS CARROLL DRAKE, Norfolk, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Football, Rat Wrestling, American Society of Civil Engineers, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Private, Junior Varsity Football, Varsity Golf, American Society of Civil Engineers, Tidewater Club. Second Class: Private, Varsity Football, Varsity Golf, American Society of Civil Engineers, Tidewater Club. First Class: Private, Varsity Football, Varsity Golf Manager, Officers of the Guard Association.

Lou is the kind of guy you like to room with—friendly, conscientious, funny, and generally good-natured. These traits have made him popular throughout the Corps, and particularly with Edith, who has been the subject of his numerous Hobus runs. His desire to play football paid off this year, and he showed his ability all season. In all, Lou has what it takes to be successful.



DONALD WARD DRENNEN, JR., Ensley, Alabama—Artillery, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Bat Tennis. Third Class: Corporal, Varsity Tennis, A. S. C. E., Academic Stars. Second Class: Regimental Supply Sergeant, Varsity Tennis, Alabama Club, A. S. C. E., Academic Stars, Distinguished Military Student. First Class: Captain Regimental S-3, Varsity Tennis Co-Captain, Secretary-Treasurer Deep South Club, A. S. C. E., Distinguished Military Student, Academic Stars, *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

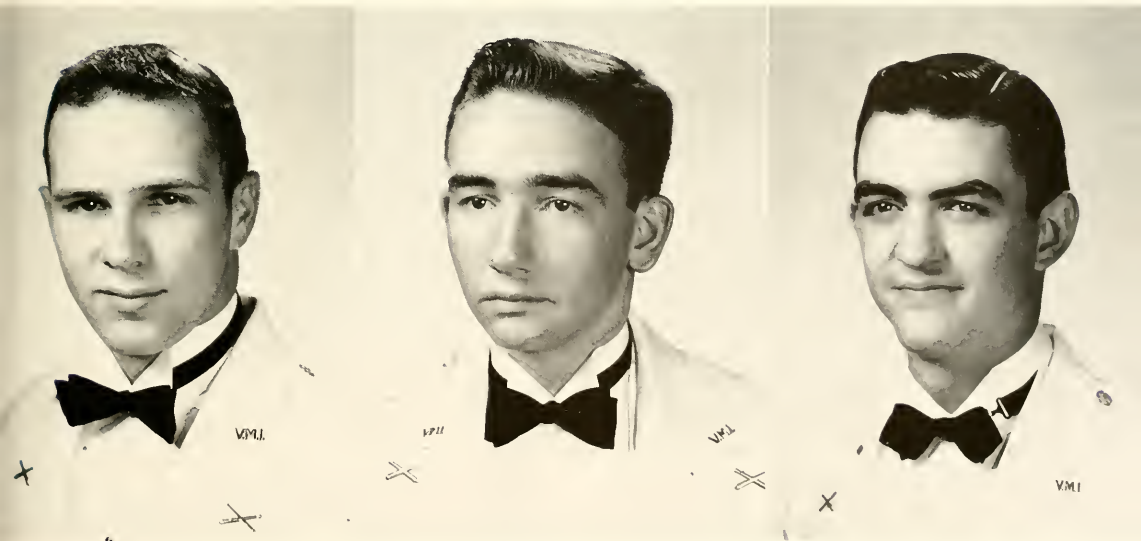
From Birmingham came a young man with great ambition. He entered V. M. I. in 1950 and proceeded to make himself known by placing his name on all lists of distinction—in both academic and military fields. Don Drennen will leave V. M. I. with an outstanding record of achievement. With the social know-how he picked up on the week ends he will be well equipped to carry on the V. M. I. traditions in every respect.

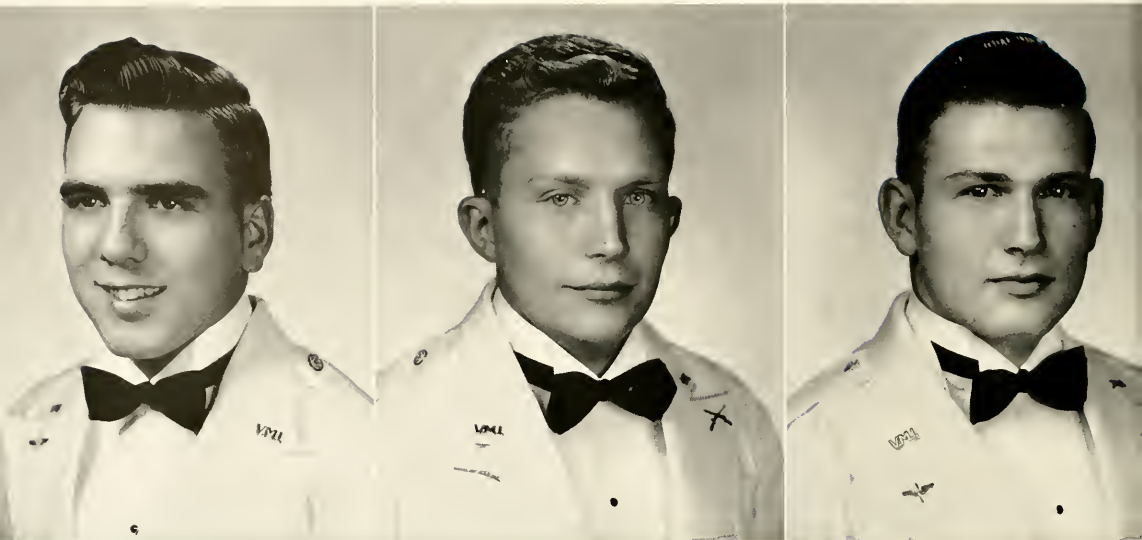
WILLIAM F. DUNKELBERGER, Strubury, Pennsylvania—Artillery, History—Fourth Class: Swimming, Intramurals. Third Class: Cross Country, Swimming, Corporal, Distinguished Student, Intramurals. Second Class: First Sergeant, Ring Figure Committee, Intramurals, *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, Distinguished Student, Distinguished Military Student. First Class: Regimental Commander, Turn-Out Staff, Honor Court, *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, Superintendent's Advisory Committee.

We have often wondered how this likable Pennsylvanian has taken all the kidding given him during his four years at V. M. I. By the same token, we have marveled at his military and academic abilities. He has joked with us, gripped with us, and set an incomparable example for us by his humor and fortitude. We have called him many names—from "Black Diamond" to "Uncle"—but they all add up to one thing: he is very near to our hearts and we will never forget him.

DONALD JORDAN DUNLAP, Christiansburg, Virginia—Artillery, History—Fourth Class: Private, Baptist Club President. Third Class: Corporal, Baptist Club President, Honor Court. Second Class: First Sergeant, Baptist Club President, Honor Court, Religious Council, State Secretary of the Virginia Baptist Student Union, Editorial Staff *Cadet*, D. M. S. First Class: Captain-Regimental Adjutant, Baptist Club, D. M. S., Honor Court President, Religious Council, Managing Editor *Cadet*, Advisory Council to the Superintendent, Southern Baptist "Student of the Month", *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*.

Some of Don's Brother Rats would like to credit his success at V. M. I. to his unbelievable achievement in staying away from the fairer sex—excluding Mary Baldwin, '52. Though that may have had something to do with it, probably Don is one of the most respected, best liked, and most honored 54-ers because of his ability to uphold his standards without forcing them on others, his ability to make friends, and his capacity to get the necessary work done.





KEITH CAREY EWING, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Rat Basketball, Rat Baseball, American Society of Civil Engineers. Third Class: Corporal, Baseball, Monogram Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Sergeant, Baseball, Monogram Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. First Class: Lieutenant, Baseball, Monogram Club, American Society of Civil Engineers.

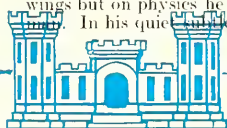
Keith left the Empire State in September, 1950, to take up his residence in Lexington and was amazed when he found that his folks had migrated to a point as far south as Pittsburgh. He was a typical fast-moving Yankee, but a Southern Belle has slowed him down (by the way, he hasn't speeded up either) and now he even spends his vacations here. The future, we all know, holds a lot for Keith in his chosen field of Business, and along with the luck we send with him, he can't help but top the list.

JOHN FISCHER, Limestone, Maine—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Private, Newman Club, Yankee Club, History Club. Third Class: Private, Newman Club, Yankee Club. Second Class: Private, Armed Forces Club, Yankee Club, History Club. First Class: Private, President Yankee Club, International Relations Club, Intramural Manager, Officers of the Guard Association, Intramural Council.

John "Dutchie" Fischer is well known in barracks for his jocularity and good humor. His organizational ability is easily substantiated by the successes of his company teams (though there are rumors that John chose the referees and umpires). Through his wide contacts John became the influential man to see in time of deepest peril, in short, a barracks lawyer of the first order. The Marine Corps had better mind itself, John Fischer is landing.

JOHN RICHARD FLYNN, JR., Fort Wayne, Indiana—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Circulation Staff of *Cadet*. Third Class: Private, Glee Club, National Speleological Society. Second Class: Private, Glee Club, Secretary of Pilots Club, Armed Forces Club, Varsity and Air Force Rifle Team, History Club. First Class: Secretary of Pilots Club, Armed Forces Club, Varsity and Air Force Rifle Team, History Club.

On September 5, 1950, there was seen a chubby little fellow waddling around the post. The following day V. M. I. was blessed with the registering of Cadet "Sterl Earl Flynn". Earl has an astounding knowledge of anything with wings but on physics he reneged. Distinction? Certainly, a great friend to everyone and the only FULL four-year. In his quick and able way, Jack will experience much success in his fabulous flying future as a "Boy in Blue."



GEORGE ALBERT FORD, JR., Alexandria, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineer—Fourth Class: Canterbury Club, Baseball, Football, Private. Third Class: A. S. C. E., International Relations Club, Canterbury Club, Private. Second Class: A. S. C. E., International Relations Club, *Turn-Out* Staff, Ring Figure Committee, Canterbury Club, Lacrosse, Private. First Class: A. S. C. E., PX Staff, O. G. A., *Tuck-Out* Staff, Canterbury Club, International Relations Club, Private.

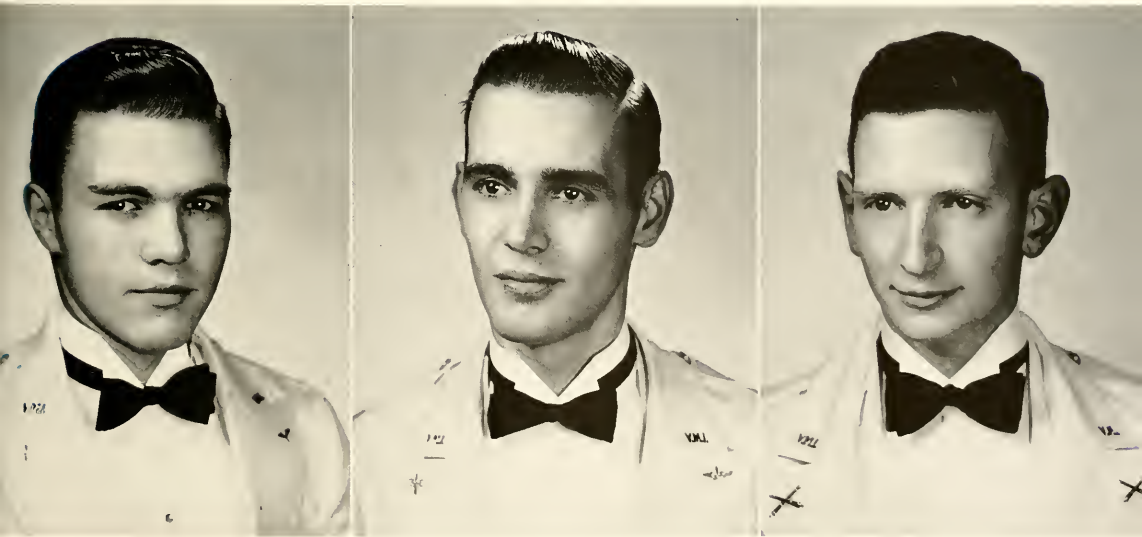
"Lord George," the entrepreneur of barracks, is the only man in the class with a '54 Ford that cries. Ace photographer, "Porkey" enjoys a good laugh as much as anyone. With Judy to guide him, success is apparent, as he is strictly on the quiver. His benevolent personality and ability to use every minute will make him the paragon of the finest.

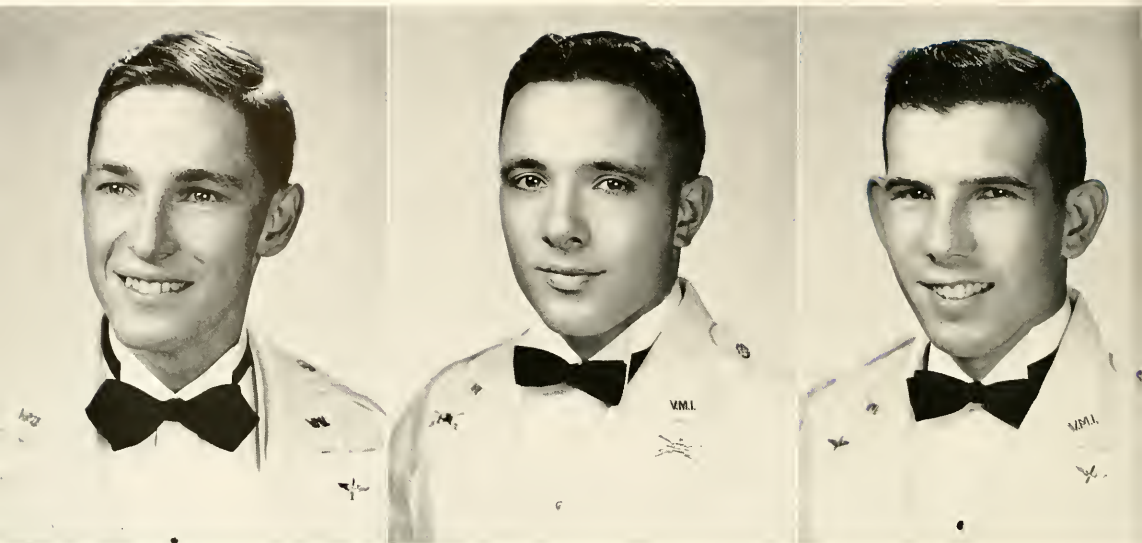
ROBERT GLENN FRANK, Salem, Virginia—Air Force, English—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, National Speleological Society, Roanoke Club. Third Class: Private, Glee Club, National Speleological Society, Roanoke Club, Chairman 1953 Ring Figure. Second Class: Private, Glee Club, National Speleological Society, Roanoke Club, Associate Editor 1953 Bombs. First Class: Private, Glee Club, National Speleological Society, Roanoke Club.

Asked for a statement at graduation time, R. G. Frank, Salem, Virginia, says, "I've never let books interfere with my college education." And so he hasn't. When the sap rises in the spring, so does Bob, his talents as a "lover supreme" are put to the best possible use. Organizer of the "F Company Skipping Roster," Bob has always been active in the military, displaying a keen interest in drill. A friend unswerving in his loyalty, his pleasant personality and ability will carry him through flight school as one of the best bus drivers around.

WILLIAM H. FREEMAN, Vienna, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Wrestling. Third Class: Private, Wrestling. Second Class: Private, Wrestling, Armed Forces Club. First Class: Private, American Society of Civil Engineers, International Relations Club, Wrestling, Officers of the Guard Association, Armed Forces Club.

If ever an example of Brother Rat is required, Frosty could certainly fill the post and live up to every qualification. Old "M.B." certainly had his share of disappointments, yet he was always ready to listen to someone's troubles and to help whenever he could. We all hope that you find your goal, Bill.





JOHN DOUGLAS PITTS FULLER, JR., Lexington, Virginia—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Glee Club, Canterbury Club, Episcopal Choir, Private. Third Class: Glee Club, Episcopal Choir, History Club, Corporal. Second Class: Glee Club, History Club, Basketball Manager, Distinguished Military Student, Cadet Staff, Monogram Minstrel Chorus, Private. First Class: Glee Club, History Club, Basketball Manager, Distinguished Military Student, *Cadet Staff Copy Editor*, Monogram Minstrel Chorus, Track, Private, O. G. A.

Jack is known by his Brother Rats as a diligent and industrious student with a sincerity of purpose which has led him through four years at V. M. I. with one aim in mind and that being to fly jets. By no means an angel, Jack has managed to delude the Institute officers with his various escapades, notably known as V. M. I.'s "Jabo with the Cache" in his backyard. Beware, ye riders of the sky, of Jack the jet jockey.

EDMUND GOODE GARBEE, JR., Baltimore, Maryland—Armor, Biology—Fourth Class: Rat Football. Third Class: Lacrosse, Corporal. Second Class: Lacrosse, Armed Forces Club, V. A. S., D. M. S., Sergeant. First Class: O. G. A., P. X. Staff, V. A. S., Armed Forces Club, Timmons Music Club, Lacrosse, Private.

"Big Ed," a born comedian with jolly humor and a boisterous effervescent laugh, has helped maintain the "Spirit of '54" since rat days. His new jokes and soft shoe routine will long be remembered by all. The only saturnine times of his cadetship have been before those monstrous Physics exams. Success is in sight, Ed, if you keep that wonderful sense of humor.

ROBERT EDWARD GEE, Kenbridge, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineer—Fourth Class: Methodist Club, Cave Club, Freshman Golf, Private. Third Class: Methodist Club, A. S. C. E., Golf, Academic Stars, Corporal. Second Class: Methodist Club, Southside Virginia Club, A. S. C. E., Ring Figure Committee, Golf, Distinguished Military Student, Academic Stars, Sergeant. First Class: A. S. C. E., Southside Virginia Club, Armed Forces Club, Hop Committee, Varsity Golf, First Lieutenant.

Few cadets may have heard of Kenbridge, but around barracks Kenbridge's No. 1 contribution to the Institute has earned quite a reputation for himself. Dashing Bob Gee, known to members of the Civil Department as the brain, is best known to his Brother Rats as the man with many loves—all feminine. Young Robert, in the past four years, has had more feminine names on the inside of his writing paper box than the rest of the inmates of room 101 put together. But love has not spoiled this wizard of the golf links, for rapid Robert will always be remembered as the one who is; always ready for a party and never one to turn down a bridge game. A great asset to the Institute, his only worry is what Hollins' Class of '55 will do without him.



HAROLD GEORGE GOLLA, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Cross Country Team. Third Class: Private, Varsity Cross Country Team, Varsity Wrestling, Varsity Outdoor Track Team. Second Class: Private, Varsity Cross Country Team, Varsity Indoor Track Team, Varsity Outdoor Track Team, Armed Forces Club. First Class: Private, Varsity Cross Country Team, Varsity Outdoor Track Team, Varsity Indoor Track Team, Officers of the Guard Association, Armed Forces Club.

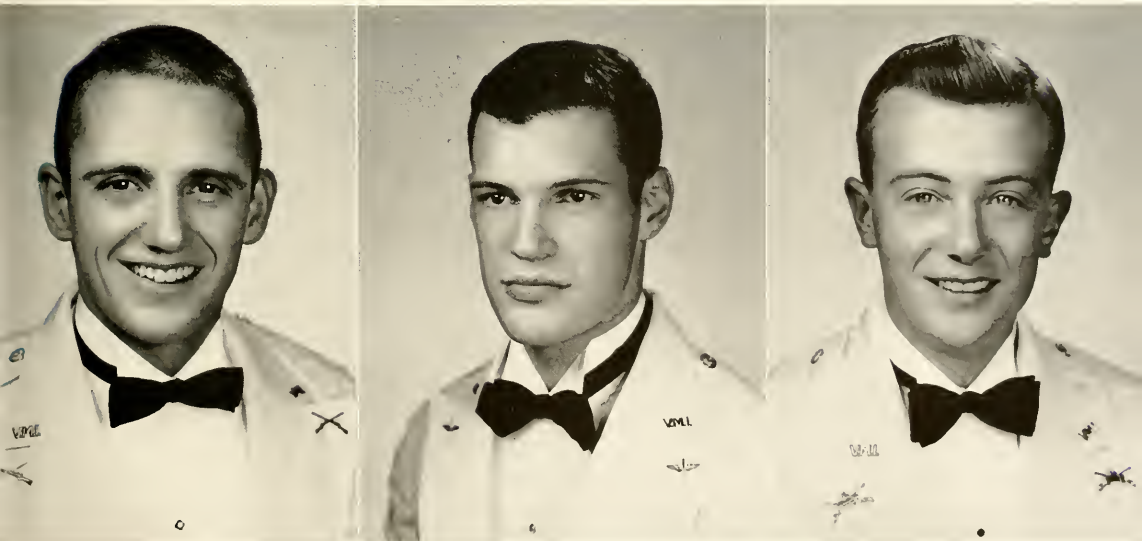
"Bud" is one of the few first class privates in barracks that really could be called running, but he has never been known to go out of his way to get into the military swing of things. His first love up until this year has been track, but a pert blonde has changed all this. For being such a clear thinker and with a guide like Mary, Bud will go far.

BRUCE C. GOTTWALD, Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, Chemistry—Fourth Class: Private. Third Class: Corporal, American Chemical Society. Second Class: Sergeant, Secretary-Treasurer of A. C. S. First Class: Private, Executive Committee of A. C. S.

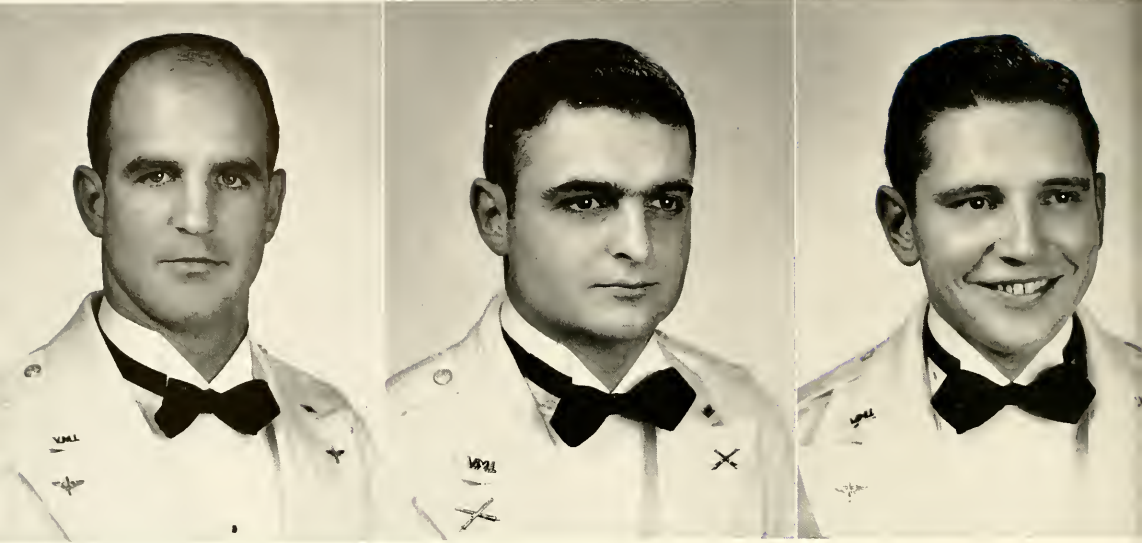
After graduation most of the class will either seek jobs or go into the service, but not Bruce. He will pick up his old acid riddled coveralls and move over to U. Va., to see what he has been missing for the past four years. With the combination of a wonderful personality and an intense desire to work, it would be impossible for Bruce not to excel in whatever he undertakes.

HARRY W. GOWEN, Virginia Beach, Virginia—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Glee Club, Wrestling. Third Class: Glee Club, Hop Committee, Corporal, Turn-Out Staff (Circulation), Canterbury Club, Cheerleader. Second Class: Glee Club, Hop Committee, Sergeant, History Club, Canterbury Club, Cheerleader. First Class: Glee Club, President Hop Committee, Lieutenant, History Club, Cheerleader.

Harry is the little guy from North Carolina. He is always ready to help when help is needed. He is one of the most dependable people we know. His friendliness and dependability are his trademarks. Through his cadetship Harry has shown his ability as a steady and hard worker and has left his mark on V. M. I. His work has brought him many things in his stay at V. M. I. and will no doubt bring him success in later life.



THE 1954 BOMB



WILLIAM RAY GUY—Jackson, Alabama—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Transferred from Marion Junior College, Marion, Georgia. Third Class: Private, A. S. C. E. Second Class: Private, A. S. C. E., Varsity Football, Methodist Club, Alabama Club. First Class: Private, O. G. A., Varsity Football, Varsity Track, Deep South Club.

Though Bill wasn't one of us back in 1950, and perhaps absorbed a good bit of our wrath as we exercised our third class powers, he soon became a staunch friend of our clan. Slow to speak but once started his gems were sure to provoke a mild uproar. A stalwart on the gridiron and in the classroom, Alabama's fair headed (not haired) boy will be a leader when he decides it's time for the South to rise again.

JOHN R. HANDY, Richmond, Virginia—Artillery, Biology—Fourth Class: Editorial Staff of *Cadet*, Virginia Academy of Science, Private. Third Class: Editorial Staff of *Cadet*, Virginia Academy of Science, Private. Second Class: Timmons Music Club, Virginia Academy of Science, Private. First Class: Timmons Music Club, Canterbury Club, Armed Forces Club, Virginia Academy of Science, O. G. A., Private.

There goes the penalty tour detail—there goes John. He walked many a mile, but he is remembered more for the sincere friendship which he offered to all, than for the frequent appearance of his name on the excess list. He was a fine student and Brother Rat, but more important than these, he was honest with himself.

ROBERT ALAN HANSON, Wichita, Kansas—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Armed Forces Club, Indoor Track, Methodist Club, Glee Club, Virginia Academy of Science. Third Class: Corporal, Armed Forces Club, Methodist Club, Glee Club, Virginia Academy of Science. Second Class: First Sergeant, Armed Forces Club, Methodist Club, Glee Club, *Turn-Out* Staff, Virginia Academy of Science. First Class: First Lieutenant Glee Club, Cave Club, Model Airplane Club, Virginia Academy of Science, *Cadet* Staff.

Now a resident of Kansas, Bob entered the Institute in 1950, and soon became a friend of all. His talent for imitating sounds, people, and telling stories, has made him welcome in any group. As a member of the Cadet Band, he has filled many vacancies and has provided good leadership in the company. After graduation, Bob plans to become a member of the U. S. Air Force as a pilot. Since he is always a success at everything that he does, he will give Uncle Sam an excellent officer.



GEORGE W. HARDY III, Shreveport, Louisiana—Air Force, English—Fourth Class: Rifle Team, Third Class: Rifle Team, Cadet Staff, Distinguished Student, Second Class: Sergeant, Rifle Team, Editor *Cadet*, Distinguished Student, First Class: Lieutenant, Manager and Member Rifle Team, Co-Editor *Bomb, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, Rhodes Scholar-Elect 1954, Distinguished Student, Distinguished Military Student.

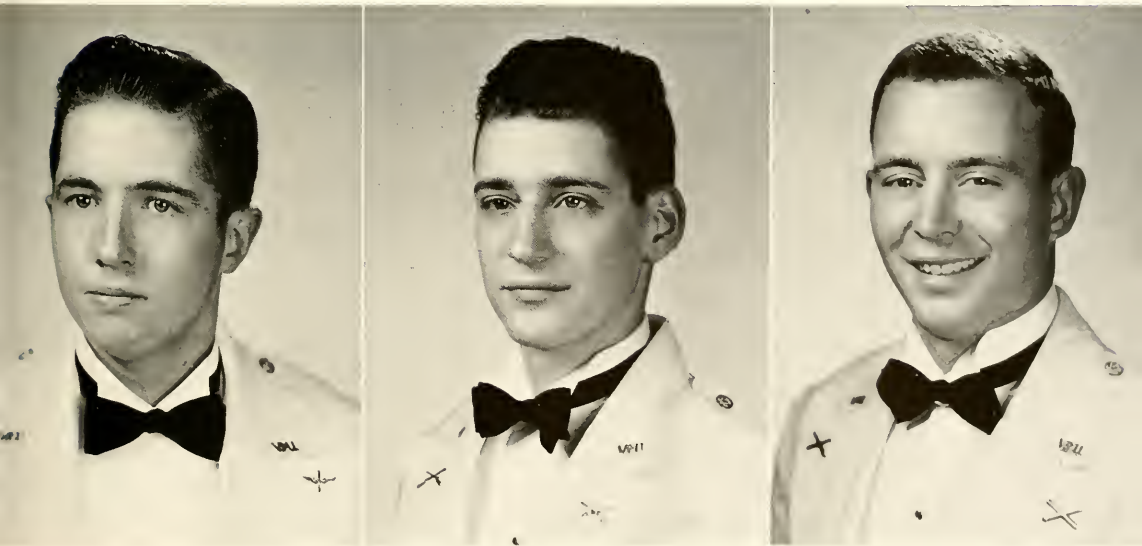
How can a man sleep his life away, do his share of partying, engage in countless bull sessions, and still be a Rhodes Scholar? That poses a question—but V. M. I. has found the answer in the versatile George Washington Hardy III. Yes, Crosspointyrimin has had his share of fun and glory, but beneath it all we find the truly great qualities that make him the warm, fine person that he really is. No better sport ever lived, and no truer, more honorable man ever drew a breath than this jovial, fun-loving son of the South. So, farewell and luck to you in every endeavor, George. We'll ever be proud of you!

LEONARD JACKSON HARMON II, Flushing, New York—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Private, *Turn-Out* Staff, Rat Swimming Team, International Relations Club, Armed Forces Club, Yankee Club, Third Class: Corporal, *Turn-Out* Staff, International Relations Club, Armed Forces Club, Yankee Club, Second Class: Supply Sergeant, Circulation Manager *Turn-Out*, International Relations Club, History Club, Armed Forces Club, Yankee Club, D. M. S., First Class: Lieutenant, Assistant Business Manager *Turn-Out*, President I. R. C., President I. R. C. of Virginia, History Club, Armed Forces Club, Yankee Club, D. M. S.

In 1950 "Boots" wandered for the first time through Jackson Arch. For four years he has struggled and sworn with the best and is finally to emerge with that coveted sheepskin. "Boots" will be remembered a long time for his easy smile and good naturedness. His love of a bull session also has helped make him many long-lasting friends among his Brother Rats.

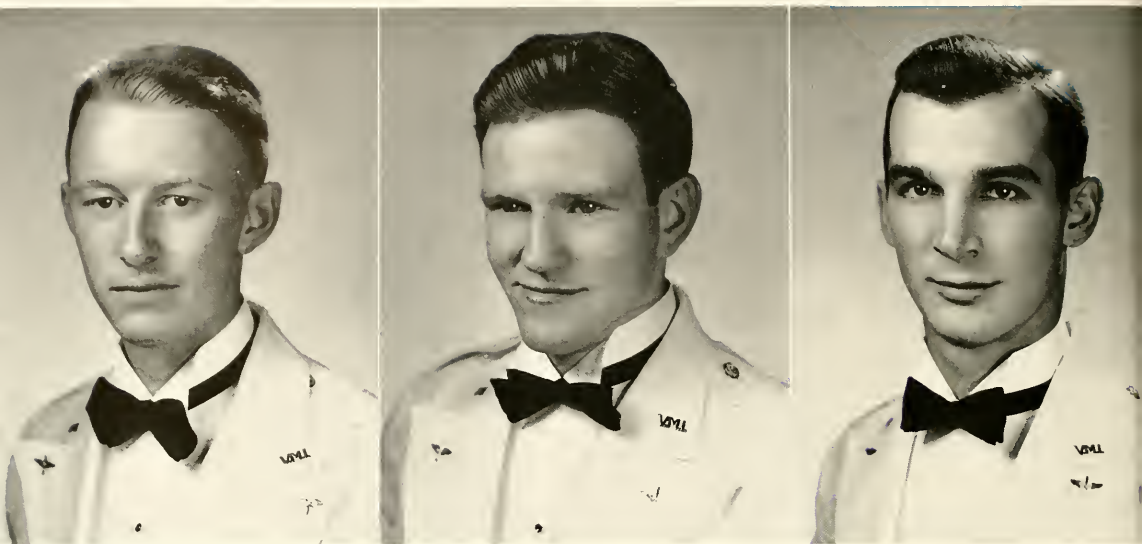
FERDINAND BALDWIN HARRINGTON, JR., Norfolk, Virginia—Artillery, Pre-Medical—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Football, Track, Tidewater Club, Canterbury Club, Third Class: Private, Virginia Academy of Science, Football, Tidewater Club, Second Class: Private, Football, V. A. S., Tidewater Club, First Class: Private, D. M. S., Tidewater Club, V. A. S., Intramural Manager "A" Co.

The fine sense of honor and lack of eyesight elevates "Baldy" above the toiling masses of pre-meds and makes him one of the most well liked men in the class. The combination of a reserved personality and the ability to get along well with others has made him a success here and insures him a highly successful future. We know that "Baldy" will add as much to the medical profession as he has to V. M. I.



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THOMAS HERBERT HARRISON, Alexandria, Virginia—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Track, Wrestling, Cross Country, Private. Third Class: Track, Corporal. Second Class: Track, Private. First Class: History Club, O. G. A., Private.

We would like to warn the Air Force that it is about to receive a very hot package. "Daffy" has been hot rodding cars for quite some time now and is anxious to see if those new planes really hold up. Tom's smile will leave quite a gap in the ranks of old "B" Company. We hope he doesn't lose it when he finds out those jets don't have back seats.

KAYE NEIL HENDERSON, Birmingham, Alabama—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Varsity Rifle Team. Third Class: Private, Varsity Rifle Team, Individual Rifle Trophy, A. S. C. E., Ring Committee Class of '54. Second Class: Private, Varsity Rifle Team Captain, Alabama Club, Distinguished Military Student, Award for the "Outstanding Cadet of Camp"—Keesler Air Force Base. First Class: A. S. C. E., Varsity Rifle Team Captain, Distinguished Military Student, Manager Tennis Team, Deep South Club, Second Lieutenant.

Kaye is one of the select group—one of the fortunate few who was able to hold on to his high school sweetheart through all of these four, long years. Of course, he had his own formula for passing time while in school. It consisted of maintaining a "relaxed" attitude in the classroom (no one objected because he snored very lightly), and spending his spare time writing to his one and only. Kaye is now free to fulfill his biggest dream—that of helping Betty raise a big, happy family.

DAVID ANDREAS HENGEL, Portsmouth, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Football, Track. Third Class: Corporal, A. S. C. E., Cadre, Business Staff 1952 Bomb, Tidewater Club. Second Class: Sergeant, A. S. C. E., Cadre. First Class: Second Lieutenant, D. M. S., A. S. C. E., Armed Forces Club, Business Staff 1954 Bomb.

If all of our problems were worked out from a logical standpoint, Dave would find an answer. Always one to look at things from a practical point of view, Dave has unearthed friends by giving free advice, sound or otherwise. Whether or not he loses all of his hair in the next few years, this cadet will win friends wherever he goes. With "Nita's" help, he is sure to be a success.



DONALD FRANKLIN HOWARD, Dearborn, Michigan—Artillery, English—Fourth Class: Glee Club, Methodist Club, Intramurals, Private. Third Class: Glee Club, Methodist Club, Intramurals, Monogram Minstrel, Corporal. Second Class: Glee Club, Methodist Club, Intramurals, Academic Stars, President of W. & L.-V. M. I. Methodist Club, Sergeant. First Class: Glee Club, Methodist Club, Intramurals, *Cadet Sports Staff*, O. G. A., Exchange Editor of *Turn-Out*, Academic Stars, Private.

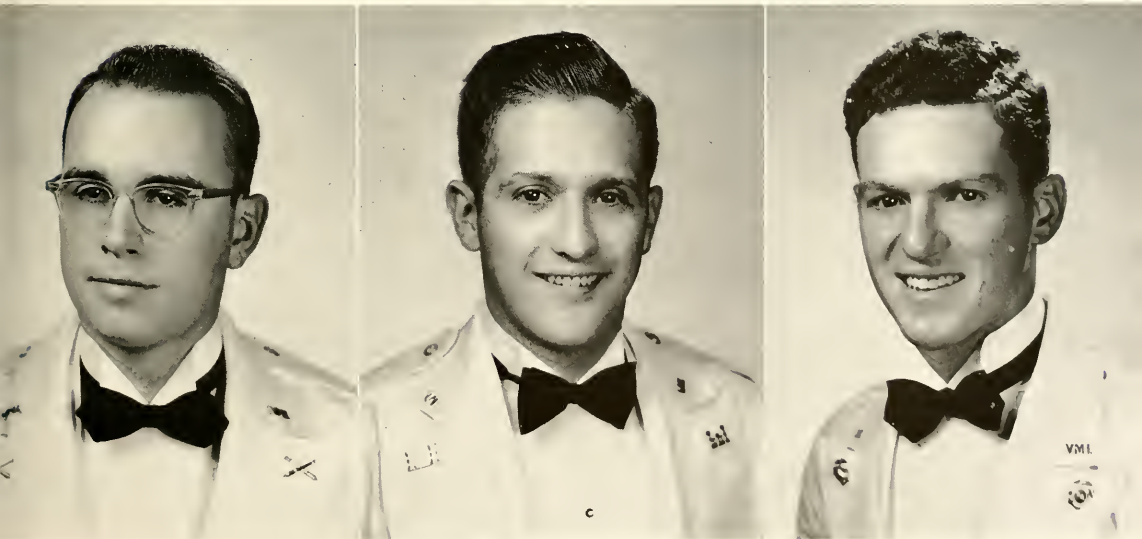
Don began at V. M. I. as the Georgia rebel and has finished as a confirmed Michigander. His first love has always been his studies but he has taken time for a certain girl downtown, singing, writing, and parties. Undoubtedly this authority on the Classic will argue his way into a million bucks or die in the attempt.

ROBERT ALBERT HUBBARD, Fagnville, Virginia—Civil Engineering, Armor—Fourth Class: Private. Third Class: Private, A. S. C. E. Second Class: Sergeant, A. S. C. E., Armed Forces Club, D. M. S., Academically Distinguished, Southside Virginia Club. First Class: Lieutenant, A. S. C. E., Armed Forces Club, D. M. S., Academically Distinguished, Member of Honor Court, Cadet Waiter, Southside Virginia Club.

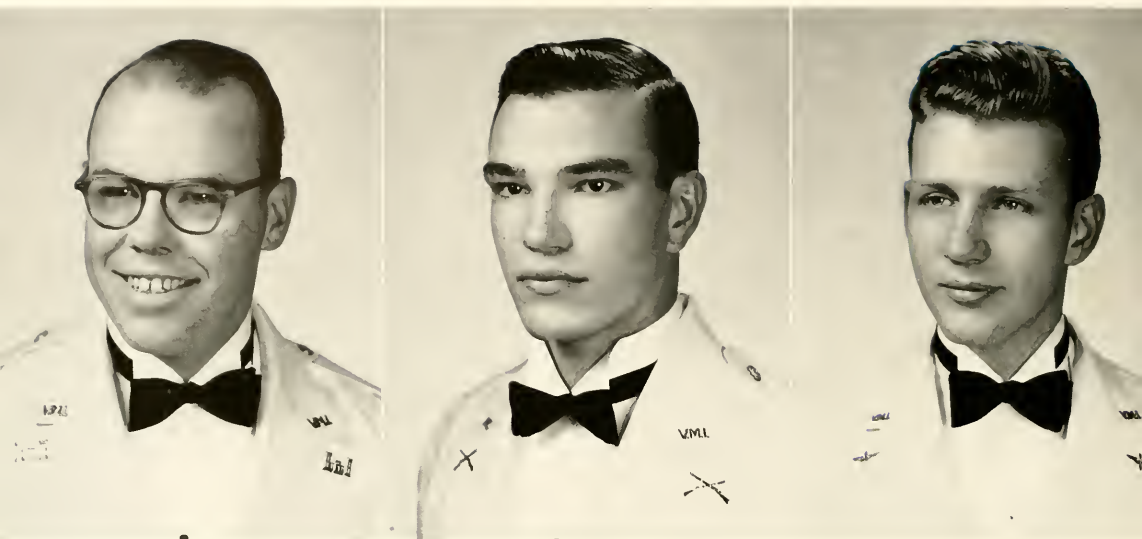
"Hub" represents all the qualities that we like to find in a man: a true friend, a hard worker, a serious thinker, and above all a non-hypocrite—never too busy for a few minutes idle talk or a few hours relaxation in the way of a party. No one doubts that success will be (and partially has been) easily achieved. Buddy will never be alone, for with him success, perfection, and Ann will be found always.

HENRY S. HULME, JR., Arlington, Virginia—Engineers, Civil Engineer—Fourth Class: Private, I. R. C. Third Class: Corporal, I. R. C., *Turn-Out* Staff, A. S. C. E. Second Class: First Sergeant, Publicity Secretary I. R. C., Humor Editor *Turn-Out*, D. M. S., Hop Committee, A. S. C. E., President Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association. First Class: Private, Editor *Turn-Out*, President Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association, Vice President Hop Committee, D. M. S., Director and Producer of Monogram Minstrel, A. S. C. E., O. G. A.

A one-woman man for four years—that's Henry. With his finger in many pies, Hank has risen to the top of numerous extra-curricular organizations. Humorist, journalist and master of the perfect squelch we salute thee, O' sultan of the satire. That he is generous and helpful is proved by the many rides for dates given in the black Pontiac. His interest in traffic engineering will lead him through many a jam in the future.



CLASS OF 1954



OLLIE FRANKLIN HUX, Elberon, Virginia—Corps of Engineers, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Wrestling, Intramurals, Baptist Club. Third Class: Corporal, Business Staff of 1952 BOMB, A. S. C. E. Second Class: Sergeant, Business Staff of 1953 BOMB, A. S. C. E. First Class: Private, Co-Editor 1954 BOMB, A. S. C. E., Armed Forces Club, O. G. A.

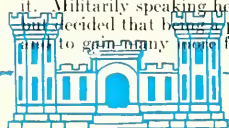
The quietest part of 105 was Ollie, better known to his roommates as "the peanut farmer." Yes, he was quiet but when he spoke it was well worth listening to. His many, many friends in barracks took great pleasure in watching the departure of his hair during each year. We don't have to worry about this Brother Rat. His ability to make friends and determination to make good will assure him success in his life's work, with "Ellie's" help, of course.

JACK R. HUYETT, Charles-Town, West Virginia—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Private. Third Class: Private. Second Class: Private, Secretary of History Club. First Class: Private, I. R. C., Armed Forces Club, History Club, O. G. A.

"I've found myself a home" is a familiar saying to the inmates of room 101, for it has been the motto of Brother Rat Jack during his four years at the Institute. Yes, few men have ever come to V. M. I. with as many misgivings as Jack, yet fewer have ever succeeded in having more fun during their cadetship. "Nat", as Jack is best known to many of his classmates, has certainly lived up to the standards of a true "E. A." A hard worker when it was time to study, Nat could always be called on for a "bull" session or a discussion of the feminine sex. But undoubtedly he will be best remembered as the shining example of one of the Class '54's many "party boys". You can bet your last dollar that whenever the Class of '54 has a reunion, Brother Jack will be there by the punch bowl.

KENNETH WILLIAM IVERSON, Nutley, New Jersey—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Rat Swimming Team, Yankee Club, Methodist Club, Private. Third Class: Corporal, A. S. C. E., Methodist Club, Yankee Club. Second Class: Sergeant, A. S. C. E., Methodist Club, Yankee Club. First Class: A. S. C. E., Methodist Club, Yankee Club, Member O. G. A., Private.

A found amount of enemies this "Damn Yankee". Ken is probably best known for his quiet and reserved manner, which has won him many friends. As far as studies go he has strived for the pinnacle and has very nearly reached it. Militarily speaking he has left his mark, but what kind of mark this is is questionable. He had his share of rank and decided that being a private wasn't too bad after all. For the future, Ken is certain to be a successful engineer, and to gain many more friends.



THOMAS ARTHUR KANE, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania—Air Force, Civil Engineer—Fourth Class: Private, Swimming, Track, Glee Club, Canterbury Club. Third Class: Corporal, Track, A. S. C. E. Second Class: Sergeant, Track, Monogram Club, A. S. C. E. First Class: Private, Track, A. S. C. E., Monogram Club, Yankee Club, O. G. A.

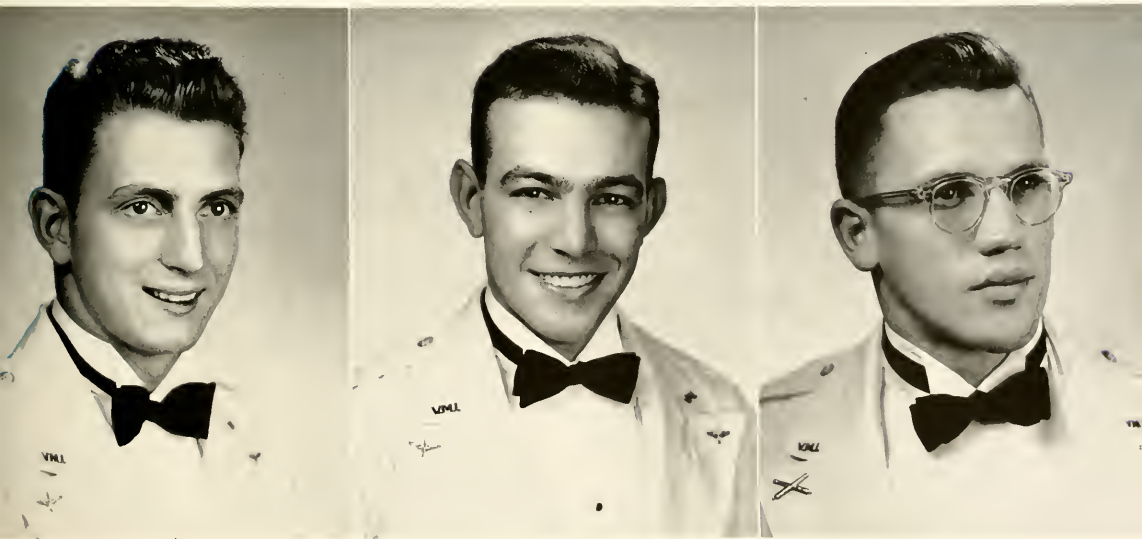
The "Greek Adonis" came out of the hills of Pennsylvania with the firm belief of self-expression and has exercised this right accordingly. This hydramatic coal-miner with the smooth line and the urge to travel has known what he wanted and gone out and gotten it. Tom has breezed through his work without too much stress, and still found time for brief attempts at athletic and amatory glory. However, Tom will always be remembered for his straightforwardness, and we're sure he'll stay right up at the top with the best of them.

BILLY WEBSTER KINGERY, Roanoke, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Wrestling; Roanoke Club, Tennis, Glee Club, Methodist Club, Private. Third Class: Corporal, Secretary Roanoke Club, Tennis, A. S. C. E., Wrestling. Second Class: Sergeant, Monogram Minstrel, Vice President Roanoke Club, Northside Club, Ring Figure Committee. First Class: Private, O. G. A., Northside Club, Hop Committee, President Roanoke Club, Outrage Staff of Bomb.

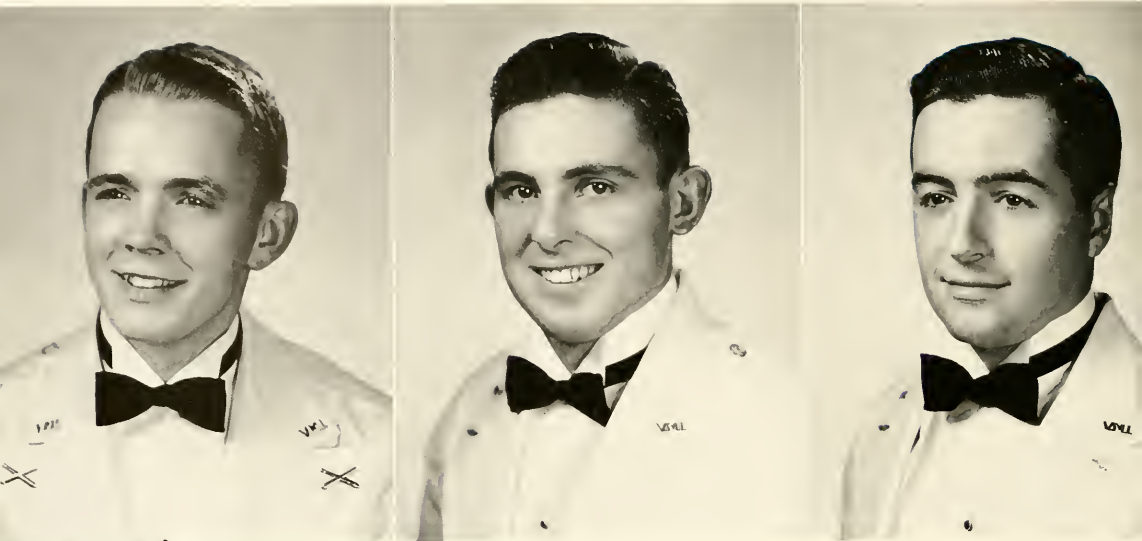
Young William, better known as "B. K.", has distinguished himself while attending the Institute in two things, civil engineering and the conquest of women. The split personality kid has divided his time over the past four years between Roanoke and Richmond. A number one party man, Billy can often be heard saying "Let's get down to some serious partying". The future will no doubt find "Billy the Kid" a successful fly boy and later connected with U. S. Steel.

KARL LOUIS KLINAR, Johnstown, Pennsylvania—Infantry, Pre-Medicine—Fourth Class: Football, Basketball, baseball. Third Class: Football, Basketball, Corporal, Monogram Club. Second Class: Football, Basketball, Monogram Club, Private. First Class: Football, Basketball, Captain Basketball, Monogram Club, Officer of the Guard Association, Cadet Waiter.

One of the mainstays of the state football champions, "Klink" has been outstanding in almost everything he's tried at V. M. I. In athletics and academics, he has managed to display his ability. His ability to build morale on and off of the playing field has made him a lasting part of the Institute, and none of us will leave without remembering frequently the big, brawny Pennsylvania Dutchman who has meant a great deal to us all.



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JOHN WILLIAM KNAPP, Richmond, Virginia—Artillery, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Swimming, Glee Club, A. S. C. E., Cheerleader. Third Class: Corporal, Varsity Swimming, Glee Club, A. S. C. E., Cheerleader. Second Class: Staff Sergeant, Varsity Swimming, Glee Club, A. S. C. E., Cheerleader, D. M. S. First Class: First Lieutenant, Co-Captain Varsity Swimming, Vice President Glee Club, A. S. C. E., Head Cheerleader, D. M. S.

Johnny, a product of the Holy City, leaves V. M. I. with two striking impressions; "Stretch" is the first to receive his permit of parchment wearing elevated heels, as well as the only living liberal artist to pass through "Buzz's" civil hierarchy. From the first ranking corporal of third class days, "Squints" has blindly chosen to limit his conquests to swimming and members of the fairer sex. John leaves many friends here and enters upon a career of living that will continue to win for him the admiration of all.

PAUL RANDOLPH KNEUER, Granby, Connecticut—Air Force, Civil Engineer—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Wrestling, V. M. I. Cadet. Third Class: Private, V. M. I. Cadet, A. S. C. E. Second Class: Private, A. S. C. E., V. M. I. Cadet. First Class: Private, V. M. I. Cadet, A. S. C. E., O. G. A.

Although one of Uncle Buzz's most devoted Civils, Paul has a very mature appreciation of good music, and spends much of his time in listening to his fine collection of classical works. He should do very well in his chosen field of building construction, and we expect him to be a great credit to his Brother Rats, and to V. M. I. Best wishes to Paul and his lovely bride-to-be.

PAUL A. KUHNE, JR., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—Air Force, Chemistry—Fourth Class: Private, Cadet Staff, Presbyterian Club, International Relations Club, American Chemical Society, Armed Forces Club, Rifle Team. Third Class: Private, Circulation Manager of Cadet, International Relations Club, American Chemical Society, Presbyterian Club, Armed Forces Club, Rifle Team. Second Class: Private, Circulation Manager of Cadet, American Chemical Society, International Relations Club, Armed Forces Club, Presbyterian Club, Junior Varsity Rifle Team. First Class—Private, Business Manager of Cadet, American Chemical Society, Officers of the Guard Association, Presbyterian Club, Regimental Clerk.

To all of us who know Paul, we look to him as an elder, for through four years at V. M. I. his hair has slowly turned gray. But possibly this is due to the amount of work that he has done, not only in his Chemistry course, but as the backbone of the Cadet during his first class year. Though Paul has a hitch to serve with Uncle Sam's Air Force, sometimes we will expect to find that he has been promoted to Vice President of General Electric, with whom he is to be employed shortly after his completion of duty with the Air Force.



DONALD JOHN LAMANNA, Holliswood, Long Island, New York—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Newman Club. Third Class: Private, Newman Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Private, Newman Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. First Class: Private, Newman Club, American Society of Civil Engineers, O. G. A.

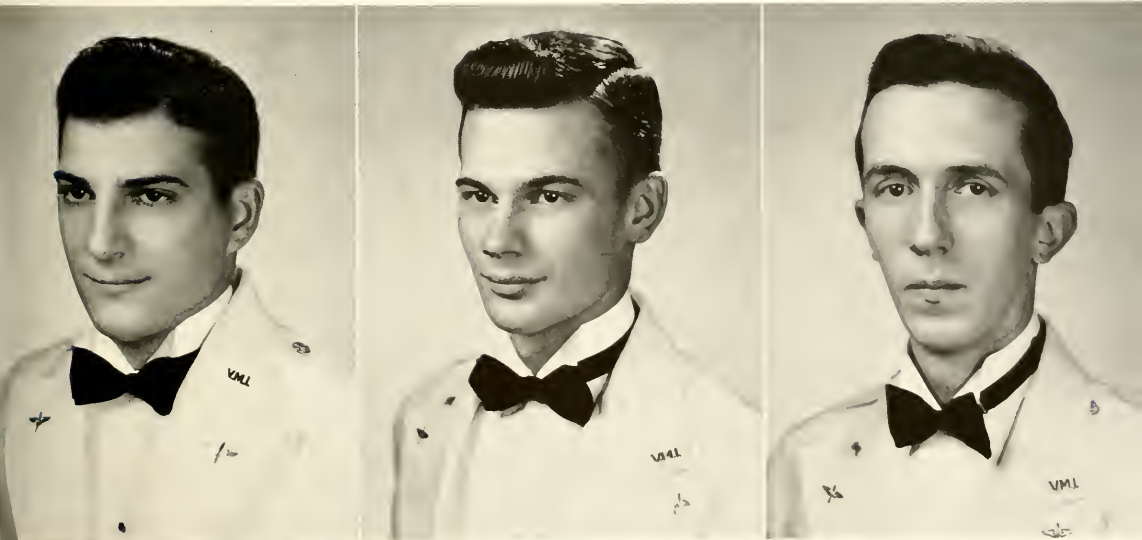
Brooklyn's favorite son entered V. M. I. back in 1950 and has since tried to convince all of just what a great place the North is and what a team the Dodgers are. Now, four years later, the "big team" still hasn't beaten the Yankees, but to hear "Son" talk, this surely must be the year. Yes, in the past few years we have all come to know Don well and he will long be remembered by his Brother Rats.

PAUL HOWARD LAMB III—Petersburg, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Intramurals, Private. Third Class: Corporal, Intramurals, Class Emblem Designer, Armed Forces Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Sergeant, Intramurals, Ring Committee, American Society of Civil Engineers, Armed Forces Club, Assistant Manager Swimming Team. First Class: Private, Intramurals, American Society of Civil Engineers, Manager Swimming Team, Officers of the Guard Association.

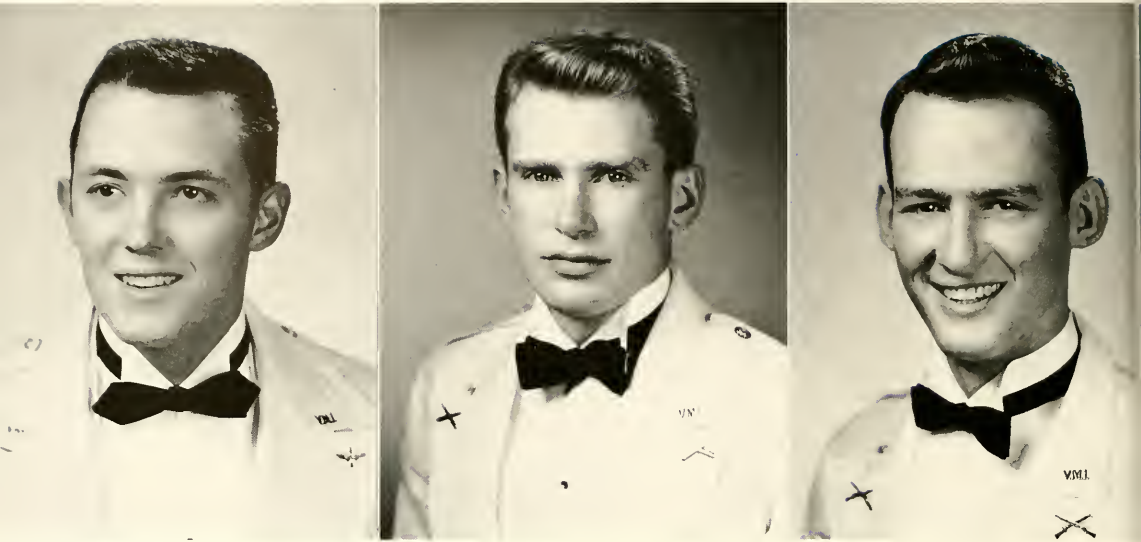
Paul, known by most of his Brother Rats as "Mummy," came to V. M. I. completely unaware of the hardships he was to encounter. He did everything with confidence, becoming well known by his Brother Rats as a hard worker and lasting friend. Mummy was one of the cadets who had rank one day and was a private the next; in fact he once thought of using zippers on his stripes since they went off and on so often. If Paul is as successful in the future as he has been at the Institute we know that his life will be a prosperous one.

HENRY CARTER LAND, JR., Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Private, Methodist Club. Third Class: Corporal, Richmond Club, Religious Council. Second Class: Private, Cadet Staff, History Club. First Class: Private, Bomb Staff Advertising Manager, History Club, International Relations Club.

The only man in our cadetship to go to ranks in simply a T-shirt, and overcoat: "Goose" Land continued to blaze a trail of one and onlys. His sarcastic wit and never-failing humor have made him a major attraction at any party. An ardent "Ho-Dad" and supporter of the "Thank God it's Friday" clubs, "Goose" has had his share of "P. T.'s" as well as afternoons at "Steve's". It is with deep regret that we lose the companionship of this notorious individual—but he can't be forgotten.



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JOSHUA WRIGHT LANGHAMMER, Roanoke, Virginia—Air Force, English—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Roanoke Club, *Cadet* Staff, Canterbury Club, Rat Swimming, Rat Track, Armed Forces Club. Third Class: Corporal, Monogram Club, Canterbury Club, *Cadet* Staff, Varsity Swimming, Roanoke Club, Armed Forces Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Monogram Club, Varsity Swimming, *Cadet* Staff, Roanoke Club, Northside Club, Canterbury Club, Ring Figure Committee, Monogram Minstrel. First Class: Private, Guidon Bearer, Varsity Swimming, O. G. A. (Company representative), Canterbury Club, Varsity Track, Roanoke Club, Bomb Staff, Co-Sports Editor of *Cadet*, Monogram Club, Northside Club, Monogram Minstrel.

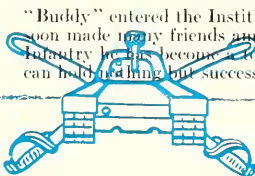
V. M. I.'s number one after hours enthusiast is known campus wide for his fabulous week ends and after taps excursions. Jay, an ardent lover of the classics, devotes his time to cultivating his epicurean tastes. The Don Juan of the swimmers and the country club set, Josh hopes to someday revolutionize present day pseudo society. Later years will find him the tycoon of the milling industry and a country gentleman of the Rappahannock.

WAVERLY BYRD LAPRADE, Richmond, Virginia—Artillery, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Richmond Club, Rat Football, Circulation Staff *Cadet*, Private. Third Class: National Speleological Society, American Society of Civil Engineers, Private. Second Class: Timmons Music Club, Private. First Class: Timmons Club, Private.

"Bruno," his canoe, his pipe, and his ready smile will be long remembered by us all. Despite the trials and tribulations of Civil Engineering, Byrd was always ready to do a favor. 3312 Monument Avenue has often been a haven for his Brother Rats. His appreciation of the best in music, literature, and women is sure to make his life happy and complete.

JOHN RUTHERFORD LATHRAM, JR., Bessemer, Alabama—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Transferred. Third Class: Private, History Club, Armed Forces Club, International Relations Club. Second Class: Private, History Club, Armed Forces Club, International Relations Club, Distinguished Military Student, Vice President Alabama Club. First Class: Private, History Club, Armed Forces Club, International Relations Club, O. G. A., Library Staff, Deep South Club.

"Buddy" entered the Institute as a third class "rat." Overcoming the many difficulties incurred in transferring, he soon made many friends among his Brother Rats and Academic class. An R. A. man at heart and a lover of the Infantry he has become top man in his M. S. class. With his ready smile and that certain girl along, the future can hold nothing but success for him.



JOHN KENNETH BARRY LEDEAUX, New York, New York—Air Force, English—Fourth Class: Private, *Turn-Out*, *Cadet*, Glee Club, Canterbury Club. Third Class: Corporal, *Turn-Out*, *Cadet*, Glee Club, Canterbury Club Vice President, Hop Committee, Religious Council. Second Class: Sergeant, *Turn-Out*, *Cadet*, Glee Club, Canterbury Club, Hop Committee, Ring Committee Chairman, Armed Forces Club, Religious Council. First Class: Lieutenant, *Turn-Out*, Glee Club, Hop Committee, Timmons Music Club, Armed Forces Club, Pilots Association.

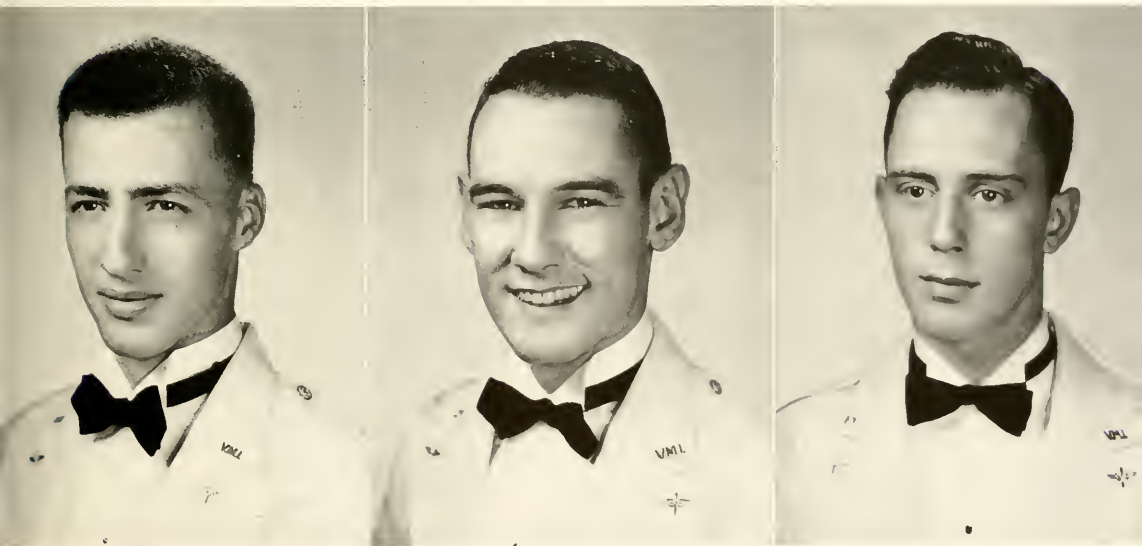
In the fall of 1950, John entered the Institute with his bagpipes, kilts and his bag of tall tales. John was an ex-service man and perhaps we never realized how tough it was for him to have been in the service and then have to come back and have some baby faced third classman tell him to pull his chin in. We called him "Pop" and "Old Man"—but we soon found that he could take it better than most. Under John's leadership, our class ring was designed and we owe him a great deal for helping create our class emblem. But we owe more than that to him; we that know him feel his deepness, his strength of character, sincerity, and ever-present friendliness have helped us all. We know that with his fine character, military experience, and know-how and above all, his understanding nature, he will go far in his chosen field—the U. S. M. C. Good luck to you, Laddie. We're counting on you.

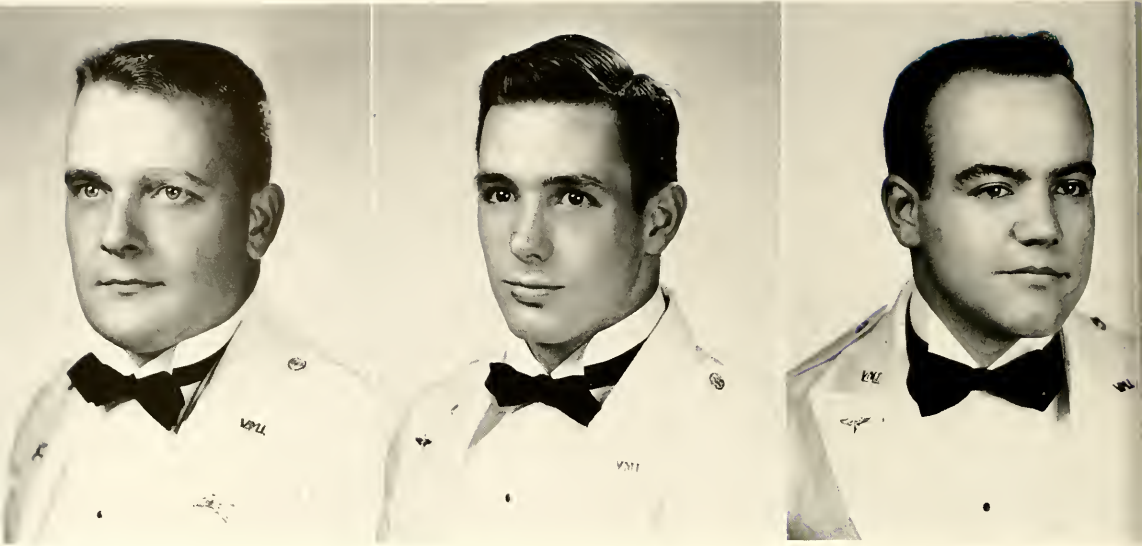
JOHN MINOR BOTTS LEWIS III, Bluefield, West Virginia—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Sports Staff *Cadet*, Sports Staff BOMB, Advertising Staff *Turn-Out*, Intramurals. Third Class: Corporal, Glee Club, Hop Committee, Canterbury Club, Golf Team, Sports Staff *Cadet*-BOMB, Advertising Staff BOMB-*Turn-Out*. Second Class: Private, Glee Club, Hop Committee, Golf, Monogram Club, 1954 Ring Committee, Sports Staff *Cadet*-BOMB, Advertising Staff BOMB-*Turn-Out*, History Club, Intramurals, Northside Club. First Class: Private, Glee Club, Monogram Club, Business Manager V. M. I. Commanders, Advertising Staff BOMB, History Club, O. G. A., Intramurals, Northside Club.

"Permits" Lewis, an entrepreneur with multi-business interests, has managed to accumulate enough extra-curricular greenbacks to insure him of an enviable week-end record at the Institute. Botts' suave business manner assures us of his future prosperity and inevitable success in the years that lie ahead. His engaging personality and restrained zest for love, friendship and a feeling of kinship with others are lasting qualities which we can never forget.

PETER HOTCHKISS LYONS, Mobile, Alabama—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Private, Indoor Track, Intramurals, Cave Club, Glee Club, Canterbury Club. Third Class: Corporal, Varsity Indoor Track, Intramurals, Cave Club, Glee Club, Canterbury Club, Northside Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Intramurals, Glee Club, Cheerleader, *Cadet* Sports Staff, History Club, Secretary-Treasurer Alabama Club, Editor-in-Chief Summer Camp Paper, Summer Camp Volleyball Champ Team, Northside Club. First Class: Second Lieutenant, Intramurals, Publicity Director Glee Club, President History Club, Co-Circulation Manager BOMB, Cheerleader, End-Man Monogram Minstrel, Representative New York *Herald Tribune* Forum, President Deep South Club, Northside Club.

Out of the deep south came a man who wanted to try his hand at many phases of cadet life. This he did with much success through his journalistic talents and military ability. His generosity and friendliness have supplied us with an unusual number of week-end excursions to the several nearby colleges for young women. His varied abilities will insure a full and prosperous career for this vivacious 'Bama boy.





WYMER WYCHE MANNING, JR., Norfolk, Virginia—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Football, Armed Forces Club, Baptist Club, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Corporal, Armed Forces Club, Tidewater Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Armed Forces Club, Tidewater Club, International Relations Club, Representative Campus Merchandising Bureau. First Class: Private, Officers of the Guard Association, Armed Forces Club, Tidewater Club, History Club, Representative Campus Merchandising Bureau.

Between devotion to a dilapidated sack and an attractive young lady in Roanoke, Wymer has had little time for the rigors of academic life at V. M. I. A charter member of the "Ho Dads," his face is familiar in the liquid lunches of Lexington. It is with regret that we part with "Dad," for he cannot be forgotten nor replaced, however, at long last, he and Ann will be able to enjoy life together.

JOHN ALFRIEND MAPP, Virginia Beach, Virginia—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Football, Track, Glee Club, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Corporal, Football, Track, Monogram Club, Tidewater Club. Second Class: Private, Football, All-Southern Conference Defense, Track, Third N. C. A. A. and National A. A. U. Low Hurdles, Monogram Club Treasurer, Tidewater Club. First Class: Private, Football, Co-Captain All-Southern Conference, Track Captain All-American, O. G. A., Monogram Club President, Athletic Council, Tidewater Club, Sports Writer *Cadet*.

There are many Alumni and Cadets who strongly believe that John is the greatest athlete to ever enter V. M. I. Aside from his brilliant career in athletics, the "Norfolk Flyer," also made quite a mark both academically and socially while in the Corps of Cadets. His quiet, unassuming manner quickly won the admiration of everyone and each of his many honors and compliments was received in his usual modest way. The medical profession has a prize member in John who is certain to go far in his chosen field.

THOMAS B. MARTENSTEIN, Mobile, Alabama—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, American Society of Engineering. Third Class: Corporal, Alabama Club, A. S. E. Second Class: Sergeant, Alabama Club, A. S. E. First Class: First Lieutenant, Deep South Club, A. S. C. E.

"Marty" came to V. M. I. with the desire to get ahead in whatever he undertook. Like many of us he had his ups and downs, but with willingness to work and his stamina, he showed that there was room for him on the top. Marty was fortunate to have not only an excellent personality, but many other qualities which make it impossible for him not to succeed.



LOUIS BENEDICT MASSAD, Richmond, Virginia—Armor, Chemistry—Fourth Class: Private, Circulation Staff of *Cadet*, Newman Club, Glee Club, Richmond Club. Third Class: Corporal, Circulation Staff of *Cadet*, Newman Club, Richmond Club, Secretary-Treasurer of Virginia Academy of Science, American Chemical Society. Second Class: Staff Sergeant, Vice President of Newman Club, Richmond Club, International Relations Club, Business Manager of 1954 Ring Figure, Virginia Academy of Science, American Chemical Society, D. M. S. First Class: Captain, Vice President of Newman Club, International Relations Club, President of American Chemical Society, President of Richmond Club, Religious Council, Virginia Academy of Science, General Committee, Hop Committee, *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, D. M. S.

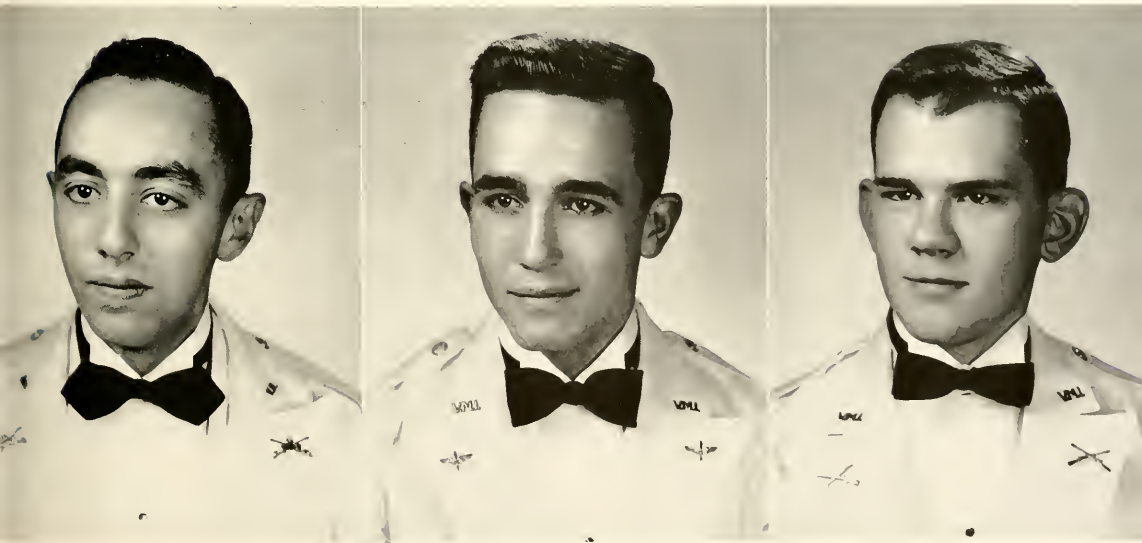
Although Lou has not always been successful as a "Don Juan", he is one of those rare individuals who has succeeded in every facet of cadet life. Though success has ever accompanied him, it has never overshadowed his high sense of values. His sincere friendship and consideration toward others will serve him well in his chosen career of medicine.

ALVAH STONE MATTOX, JR., Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, Electrical Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, National Speleological Society, Baptist Club, Armed Forces Club, Rat Track. Third Class: Baptist Club, Civil Air Patrol, Armed Forces Club, Corporal. Second Class: Regimental Sergeant Major, Secretary A. I. E. E., Amateur Radio Club, Distinguished Military Student, Distinguished Academic, Richmond Club, Air Force Association Medal. First Class: Vice President A. I. E. E., *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, First Battalion Commander.

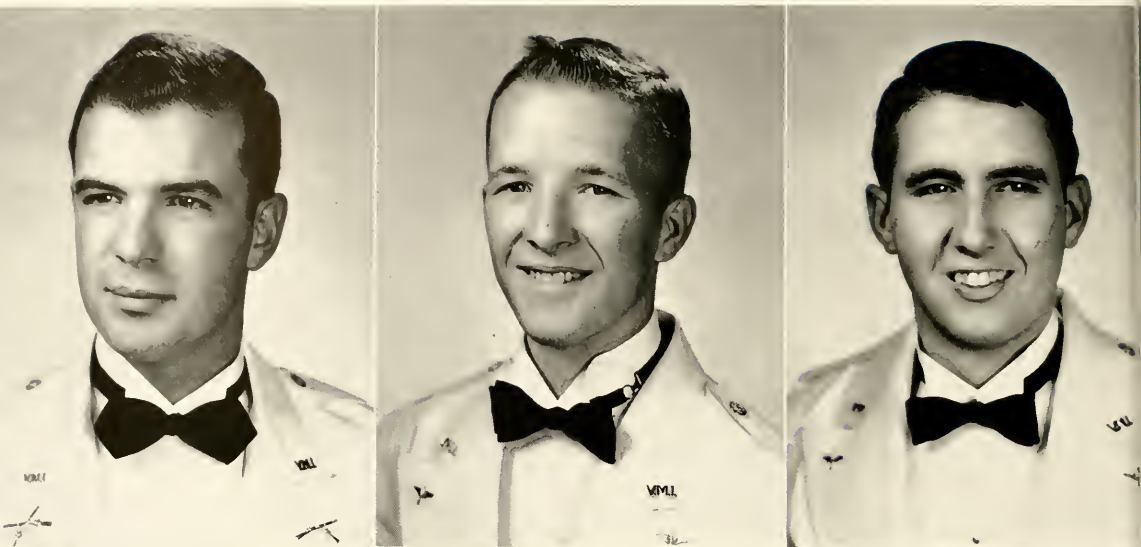
"Nails" has moved right on up through the ranks during his four years at the Institute. From Corporal to Sergeant Major to one of the top positions in the Corps. Alvah has gained a recognition in his academics attained by few. Rumor now has it that he is gaining a Mrs. If his cadetship is any indication, "Walt" should really go far when he leaves V. M. I., whether it is in his chosen field of electricity or shooting about in the stratosphere for Uncle Sam.

THOMAS TABB MAYO IV, Radford, Virginia—Infantry, Physics—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Wrestling, Glee Club. Third Class: Corporal. Second Class: Sergeant, Glee Club. First Class: Private, Company Clerk.

"Dynamite comes in small packages," indeed. Behold, Southwest Virginia's 5' 6" mammoth contribution to the Physics Department. You can always find "TT" chattering in the middle of an argument; "Brains" has never lost one yet they say. But "lover boy" didn't win in everything. Not heeding Heflin's instructions on the half-nelson, the fraternity pin proved superior to the '54 class pin. Those useless trips to Staunton! Excess demerits in vain! However, there's always the lure of the transported Virginian and the Florida palms and sunshine.



CLASS OF 1954



WALTER R. MCCARTHY, JR., New York, New York—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Rat Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse. Third Class: Cave Club, Vice President Class of '53, Armed Forces Club, Corporal. Second Class: Cave Club, Armed Forces Club, President Cave Club, I. R. C., Vice President of Honor Court, First Sergeant. First Class: Vice President of Honor Court, President of Armed Forces Club, I. R. C., Captain.

From the plains of New York, the mountains of North Carolina, and the foothills of Virginia comes "Mac." During his stay here at V. M. I. he has managed to accomplish a feat that would take most of us years to do. He has completely snowed every official of the Institute. In trouble? See "Mac," he knows all. Seriously though "Old Mac" will always be remembered at V. M. I. and in describing him, the best adjective would be just plain great.

JAMES McDOWELL, JR., Fincastle, Virginia—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Wrestling, Tennis, Private. Third Class: Wrestling, Tennis, Private. Second Class: Private. First Class: Cadet Staff, Wrestling, Private.

Quietness and simplicity characterize "Mac". In fact if one didn't look pretty closely "Mac" would seldom be noticed. His quietness has never been a handicap; serving only to mirror his prestige as a guy who minds his own business, a present day novelty. A self-styled dog lover and woman hater, "Mac" has mastered the art of academics and wrestling.

WILLIAM REBMÁN MCGEORGE, JR., Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Richmond Club, Pilots Club. Third Class: Corporal, Glee Club, Richmond Club, Pilots Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Sergeant, Glee Club, Richmond Club, Pilots Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. First Class: Private, Glee Club, Richmond Club, Pilots Club, American Society of Civil Engineers, Officers of the Guard Association.

To his roommates Bill is known as the "Great White Father of all Rats." His motto is "Put off today what you can do tomorrow." Bill would have enjoyed his four years at V. M. I. a lot more if he had not had to study at all because he really enjoys a good time. If he ever makes up his mind as to what he is going to do in life he should go a long way since he can hold his own against anyone.



PAUL R. MEYER, JR., Port Arthur, Texas—Artillery, Pre-Medical—Fourth Class: Private, Texas Club, Presbyterian Club, *Cadet Staff*, J. V. Football. Third Class: Corporal, Texas Club, Presbyterian Club, Virginia Academy of Science. Second Class: Color Sergeant, Texas Club, Presbyterian Club, Virginia Academy of Science. First Class: First Lieutenant, Texas Club, Presbyterian Club, Virginia Academy of Science.

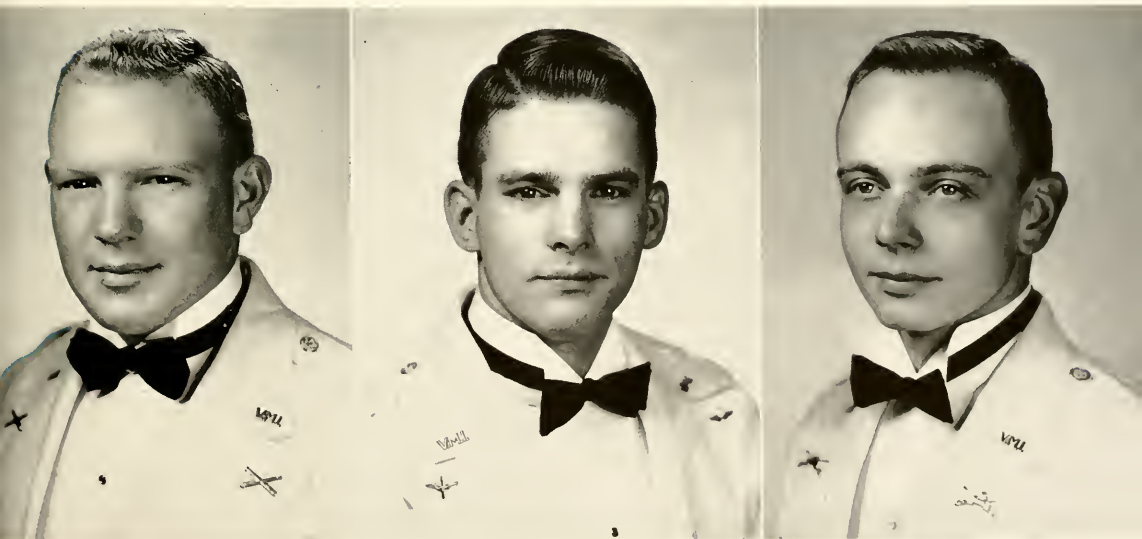
To his friends he's the "big Texan" from the deep, deep south. Doctor "Polo" Meyer will be setting up his home-
stead at Tulane Medical School for the next four years, down in good old New Orleans. And since Medicine (along
with his girl Charlotte) to him has been an obsession, we are sure that with his conscientious hard work, and
ability to make lasting friends easily, he will be a great asset to V. M. I. and his chosen profession.

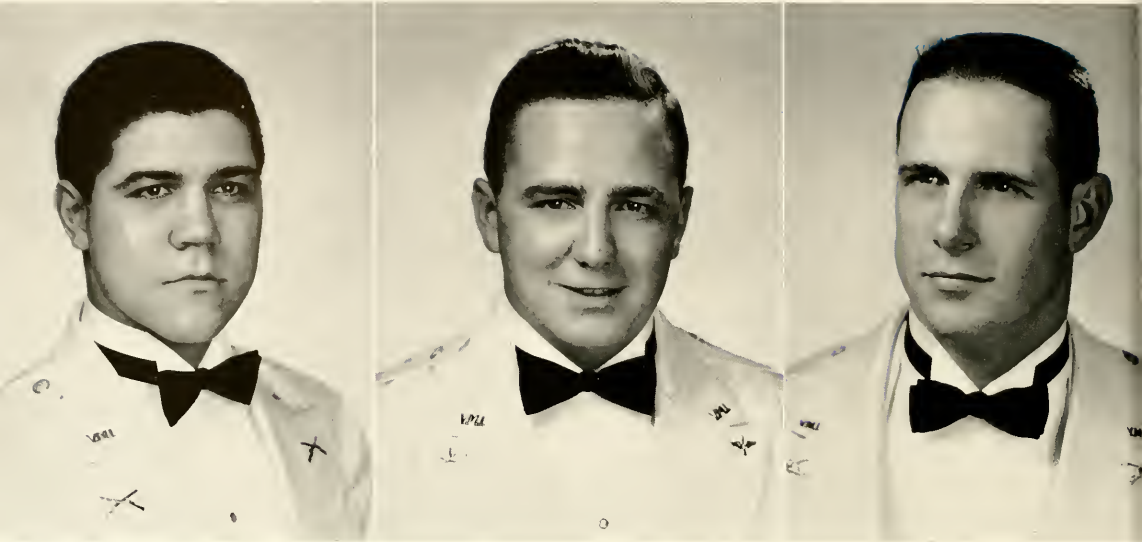
ALFRED LEE MILLER, South Norfolk, Virginia—Artillery, Pre-Medical—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club,
V. A. S., Wrestling, Lacrosse. Third Class: Corporal, Glee Club, V. A. S., Cave Club, Rat Wrestling Team Manager.
Second Class: Sergeant, Glee Club, Cave Club, Newman Club, Charter Member of Timmon's Music Club, Secre-
tary of V. A. S., Rat Wrestling Team Manager. First Class: Second Lieutenant, President Religions Council,
President Timmon's Music Club, President Cave Club, Cadet Head Waiter, V. A. S., Rat Wrestling Assistant
Coach, Football Statistician, *Cadet Staff*.

Al entered the barracks and after several hard knocks made a memorable comeback. He has become an honorary
member of the Class of '54 and has shown his Brother Rat spirit in our class by leading many cadet organizations.
He is known either as "Dad" or "Father Miller" to most people because of his willingness to help others or to give
advice when asked. An aspirant to the medical profession, Al has those traits which we feel sure will carry him far
along the road to success.

WILLIAM W. MILLER, Harrisonburg, Virginia—Armor, Pre-Medical—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, *Turn-
Out* Advertising Staff, Virginia Academy of Science. Third Class: Corporal, Glee Club Librarian, *Turn-Out* Staff,
Virginia Academy of Science. Second Class: First Sergeant, Glee Club Secretary, Advertising Manager *Turn-Out*
Staff, Phillip H. Killey Award, V. A. S. First Class: Captain, Glee Club Business Manager, *Turn-Out* Business
Manager, *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, Timmons Music Club, V. A. S.

Bill, first string baton slinger and the poor man's J. P. Sousa, along with his independent musicians, has never
failed to provide an interesting distraction from the monotony of parades. "Fish's" fame and reputation as a
worthy tactician in the social field, however, received a chattering blow with rumors of an unconditional surrender
at Louisville, Kentucky. When our good humored melody-maker leaves the Institute and trades his whistle for
sugar-coated pills, he will carry with him the respect and admiration of his Brother Rats.





ROBERT L. MODJESKI, Fontana, Wisconsin—Infantry, Electrical Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club. Third Class: Corporal, Glee Club. Second Class: Sergeant. First Class: Second Lieutenant, Glee Club, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Armed Forces Club.

Though Modjeski considers himself a soldier, amateur musician, "hot-shot EE" and professional Marine to be, we know that his main interest and line of attack of late has been directed towards the "sweetest little girl this side of heaven." He came to V. M. I. a little boy. It has given him manhood, bearing, experience, character, a career, an education, and a future. It's no wonder that he loves the Institute.


JOSEPH SHEPPARD MONDY, JR., Petersburg, Virginia—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Private, Intramural Swimming, Football. Third Class: Private, Circulation Staff of *Cadet*, Intramural Football, Softball. Second Class: Private, Intramural Football, Softball, Northside Club. First Class: Private, Intramural Softball, Officers of the Guard Association.

Following in his father's footsteps, "Shep" entered V. M. I. in the fall of '50. He became well known among his Brother Rats for his easy going manner and time in the sack. "Shep" had considerable academic trouble his "rat" year and almost joined the Class of '53. Since then he has progressed higher each year in his standing and we know he will go far in any field he chooses after graduation.

JAMES C. MOORE, Abingdon, Virginia—Armor, English—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Basketball. Third Class: Private, *Turn-Out* Staff, Southwest Virginia Club, Presbyterian Club. Second Class: Private, Wrestling, *Turn-Out* Staff, Southwest Virginia Club. First Class: Private, President Southwest Virginia Club, O. G. A.

From Southwest Virginia there came to V. M. I. "Curley" Moore—tall, broad-shouldered and typically Virginian. When he entered V. M. I. his Brother Rats knew that they had a friend that they could rely upon. "Curley's" smile and friendly attitude is well known in his class and throughout barracks. He is ambitious and precise in all his undertakings, and always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who is in need. We all wish "Curley" the very best of luck in the future, and we are certain that he will be a credit to the Institute.





ROBERT JAY MOORE, Cincinnati, Ohio—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Private. Third Class: Corporal. Second Class: Sergeant, International Relations Club, Armed Forces Club, D. M. S., History Club. First Class: First Lieutenant, International Relations Club Vice President, Armed Forces Club, D. M. S., History Club.

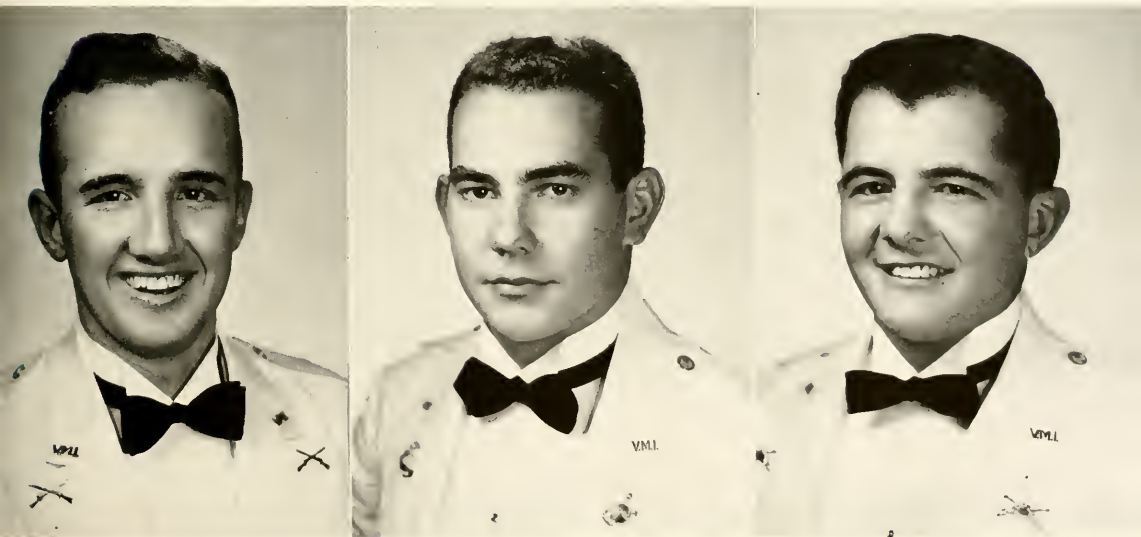
Bob came to V. M. I. to achieve two main purposes. The first was to become an officer in the cadet Corps and the second was to become a true "L. A." From the first moment he entered V. M. I. he became the true specimen of a soldier and through three years of hard work achieved his goal as First Lieutenant of "B" Company. As for becoming an "L. A." he has achieved this to the point where he is now known around barracks as "Mister L. A." himself. For the future Bob will do well in life because he knows how to get along with people and I predict that within ten years he returns to V. M. I. driving a shiny new Cadillac and smoking a big cigar.

JAMES SHERMAN MORRIS, JR., Hopewell, Virginia—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Football, Baseball. Third Class: Football, Baseball, Corporal. Second Class: Football, Baseball, Private. First Class: O. G. A., Private.

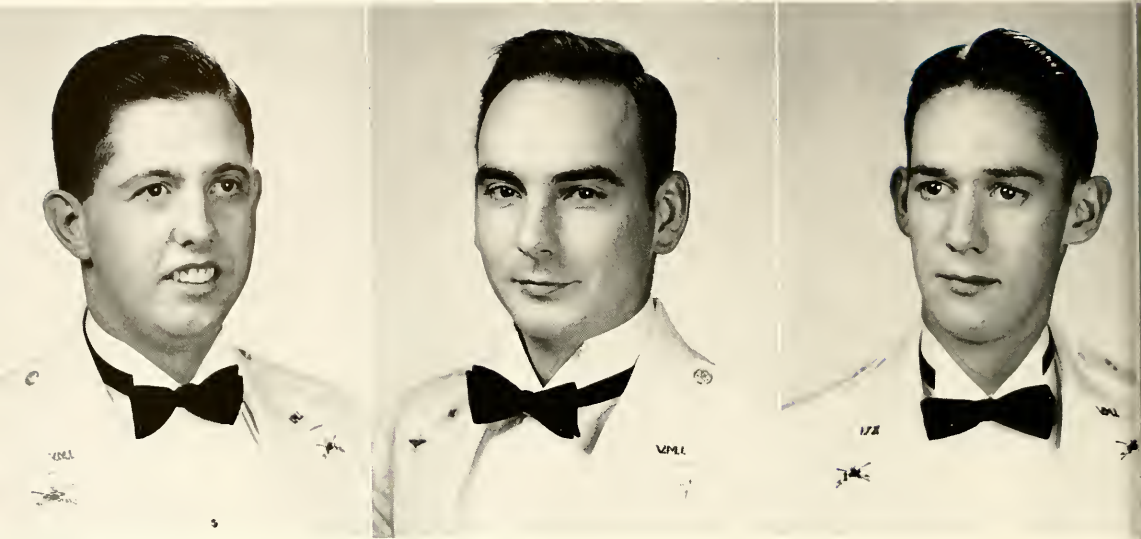
"108 after D. R. C. Rat!" Not many Rats receive summons to first class rooms any more; but 108 is an exception. If there ever was a man in the Institute who advocated a Rat Line of the "old corps" type, Jim was that man—so proudly we hail! Nor was there ever a man who could do a better job in the line of duty or who loved a good party any more than Jim. The best to a deserving man and a friend. You're fortunate, Marie, and you too, U. S. Marines!

JOHN FERGUSON MOWBRAY, Danville, Virginia—Armor, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private (Assistant Corporal), Methodist Club. Third Class: Private, Reporter A. S. C. E., Manager of Jaycee Basketball, Assistant Baseball Manager. Second Class: Private, Secretary A. S. C. E., Manager of Jaycee Basketball, Assistant Manager of Baseball. First Class: Private, O. G. A., Trust Officer A. S. C. E., Cadet Waiter, Manager of Varsity Baseball.

From the Dan River Mills to the V. M. I. hills came a short little _____ who knew all about stills. "Jake Mawbry" is definitely one of the most outstanding characters in his class. Hardly shaved in his four years at V. M. I. and he could play a keen game of poker with anyone. "Moky" has common sense and know-how. He will go a long way and will always have the personality to meet, make and enjoy true friends.



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ALAN MENGEL MUSSELMAN, Perkasio, Pennsylvania—Armor, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Lutheran Club, Armed Forces Club, Yankee Club. Third Class: Corporal, Lutheran Club, Armed Forces Club, Religious Council, A. S. C. E., Yankee Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Lutheran Club, Armed Forces Club, Religious Council, A. S. C. E., Intramural Council, Yankee Club, D. M. S. First Class: Second Lieutenant, President of Lutheran Club, Vice President of Religious Council, A. S. C. E., Model Airplane Club, Yankee Club, D. M. S.

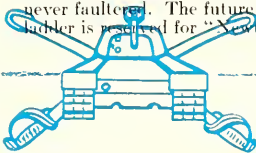
"Al" has spent his four years at the Institute distinguishing himself as a cadet and a student. He has a good trait not often found—he is a good listener! Al is always ready to lend an ear or a helping hand to his many friends. In June, Al will enter the Army for his active tour. Following that, he will go to graduate before launching upon his road to certain success.

OTTO ROBERT NAUMANN, JR., Newport News, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Cadet Staff, Tidewater Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. Third Class: Corporal, Hop Committee, American Society of Civil Engineers, Meade Scholarship. Second Class: Color Sergeant, Hop Committee, Meade Scholarship. First Class: Private, Hop Committee, Advertising Manager of 1954 BOMB, Treasurer Virginia State M. S. M., Meade Scholarship.

The day Otto was "21" he entered the hallowed Barracks of V. M. I. and has loved it here ever since. One of the charter members of the class "Chowder, Marching, and Furlough-Getting Club," Otto has spent his time with a finger in almost every available pie. Like most of the rest of us in his lethargic tendencies, he has never been missing when the chips were down. His four years at the Institute have earned him a reputation as a staunch supporter of the famed V. M. I. rat system.

EDWARD MARSHALL NEWTON III, Baltimore, Maryland—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Private, Wrestling, Cadet, Armed Forces Club, Canterbury Club, M. D. A. Third Class: Corporal, History Club, Armed Forces Club, M. D. A., Canterbury Club. Second Class: First Sergeant, Lacrosse Club, History Club, Armed Forces Club, D. M. S. First Class: Captain, Military Editor *Cadet*, History Club, Armed Forces Club, Lacrosse Club, I. R. C., Library Staff, *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, Armor Magazine Award as the Outstanding Cadet in V. M. I., Armor R. O. T. C.

V. M. I.'s ideal arrived early that fateful September morning in 1950 and soon became known as the "Fig". However this had soon showed that he had what the Institute wanted, for his cadetship is one of constant success. A person with higher ideals was never known. Even with his association with the Black Sheep of the class, his ideals have never faltered. The future for a man of such caliber can be only in one direction, and that is up. The top of the ladder is reserved for "X" and may no evils pull him from it.



MILTON JOSEPH NOVAK, JR., South River, New Jersey—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Newman Club, Rat Baseball, Rat Wrestling, Yankee Club, Armed Forces Club. Third Class: Private, American Society of Civil Engineers, Newman Club, Glee Club, Rockbridge County Stamp and Coin Club, Yankee Club, Armed Forces Club. Second Class: Sergeant, American Society of Civil Engineers, Glee Club, Distinguished Military Student, Armed Forces Club, Rockbridge County Stamp and Coin Club, Yankee Club. First Class: Private, Officers of the Guard Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, Newman Club, Yankee Club, Rockbridge County Stamp and Coin Club.

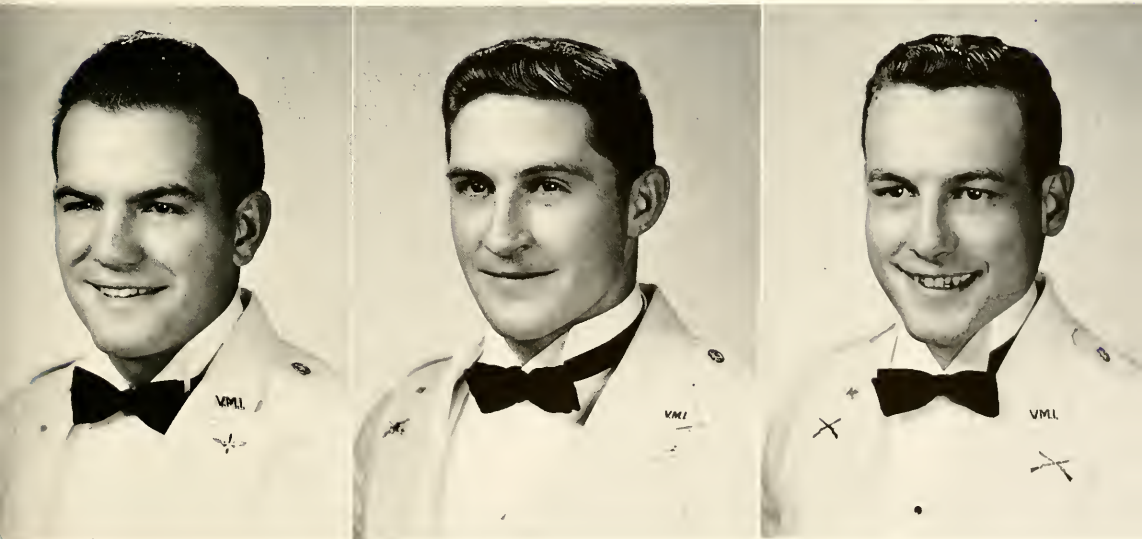
Four years in the South hasn't convinced the South Riverite that it's the best place to work so after graduation, Milt will head North. We will remember him as one who liked to beat out the rhythm of a record with a pencil or paint brushes, the hops at V. M. I. with Ruthie, and packages from home. We know that Milt will make out as well in "civvies" as he did here in gray.

GEORGE MILES NOWITZKY, JR., Norfolk, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Football, Wrestling, Track, Intramural Softball, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Private, Football, Wrestling, Tidewater Club, Monogram Club, A. S. C. E., Intramurals, Fourth Place Southern Conference Wrestling Tournament. Second Class: Private, Wrestling, Tidewater Club, Monogram Club, A. S. C. E., Intramurals, Second Place Southern Conference Wrestling Tournament. First Class: Private, Captain Wrestling Team, First Place Southern Conference Wrestling Tournament, O. G. A. President, General Committee, Executive Committee, Superintendent Advisory Committee, Tidewater Club, Monogram Club, Intramural Football (all Intramural guard), A. S. C. E., Intramural Softball.

Miles—"Mr. Grunt and Groan"—a powerful and inspiring captain of the wrestling team. He possesses a deep rooted desire for fun and a great ability for work. Along with this he is blessed with a wonderful girl named "Bobbie". He is always busy, yet never fails to lend a helping hand. He takes our best with him, but leaves a record which will be an "object of honest pride" for V. M. I.

DAN B. OXFORD, Norwell, Massachusetts—Corps of Engineers, Civil Engineer—Fourth Class: Private, Swimming, Armed Forces Club, Yankee Club. Third Class: Private, Armed Forces Club, Yankee Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Private, Yankee Club, Rockbridge County Stamp and Coin Club, American Society of Civil Engineers. First Class: Private, Yankee Club, Rockbridge County Stamp and Coin Club, American Society of Civil Engineers.

Dan wandered from the hills of Massachusetts to see what the rest of the world looked like, but somehow ended up at V. M. I. He was reckless and careless, but finally met his match, a pretty young miss from Cheshire and he will be one of the first in the class to join the married ranks. We know that he will be as successful in every undertaking as he was in C-3.



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JOHN RICHARD DAVIES PENISTON, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania—Armor, Biology—Fourth Class: Swimming, Tennis, Canterbury Club, Armed Forces Club. Third Class: Corporal, Swimming, Monogram Club, Armed Forces Club, Canterbury Club, Monogram Minstrel, Virginia Academy of Science. Second Class: Humor Staff *Turn-Out*, Sports Staff *Cadet*, Northside Club, Monogram Club, Monogram Minstrel, Swimming, Soccer. First Class: Co-Captain Swimming, Monogram Club, Soccer Team Coach, Tennis, Monogram Minstrel, Northside Club, O. G. A., Humor Staff *Turn-Out*, Virginia Academy of Science.

Coming from the Coral Sea and the pink sand islands of Bermuda, John was the first Keydet to introduce the Bermuda short fad to V. M. I. The big bear has dedicated his four years to the successful pursuit of beer, women, and swimming. John's big heart and kind smile will always be remembered by Dor's boys. Later years will find John coaching swimming and probably producing Monogram Minstrels on the "Old Kentucky Home."

RAN L. PHILLIPS III, Sterlington, Pennsylvania—Medical Corps, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Editorial Staff of *Cadet*, Canterbury Club, Louisiana Club, Glee Club, Virginia Academy of Science. Third Class: Private, V. A. S., Canterbury Club, Glee Club, Louisiana Club. Second Class: Private, Canterbury Club Vice President, Louisiana Club, Glee Club, Y. M. C. A., Religious Council, Air Force Rifle Team, V. A. S. First Class: Private, O. G. A., Glee Club, V. A. S., Canterbury Club President, Religious Council Promotion Manager, Deep South Club.

While Louisiana is mostly under water, V. M. I. was indeed fortunate to have Ran Phillips come to the Institute. For here is a boy whose head will always be above water. From that fatal day when he entered till the end, Randy has been riding the crest of the waves. A staunch supporter of "Doc's" great cutting L. A.'s, Ran will no doubt carry Doc's beliefs into his profession. A Southerner to the core, he is living proof that the "old order" will never give way to the new in the South.

NORMAN CADELL PLUNKETT, Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Football, Basketball, Track. Third Class: Private, Varsity Football, Track, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Private, American Society of Civil Engineers, Intramural Basketball, Softball. First Class: Private, Officers of the Guard Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, Advertising Staff BOMB (Securing Ads).

When Norm arrived from the "Holy City" he, unlike most of us, was not fazed in the least by the "Spit and Polish" of V. M. I. Throughout his Cadetship he has retained the qualities of humility and sincerity which have won him many friends at V. M. I. We feel that his consideration and sense of humor that we so appreciate will make Norm successful in whatever he does.



ROBERT E. PRICE, Norton, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private. Third Class: Private. Second Class: Private. First Class: Private.

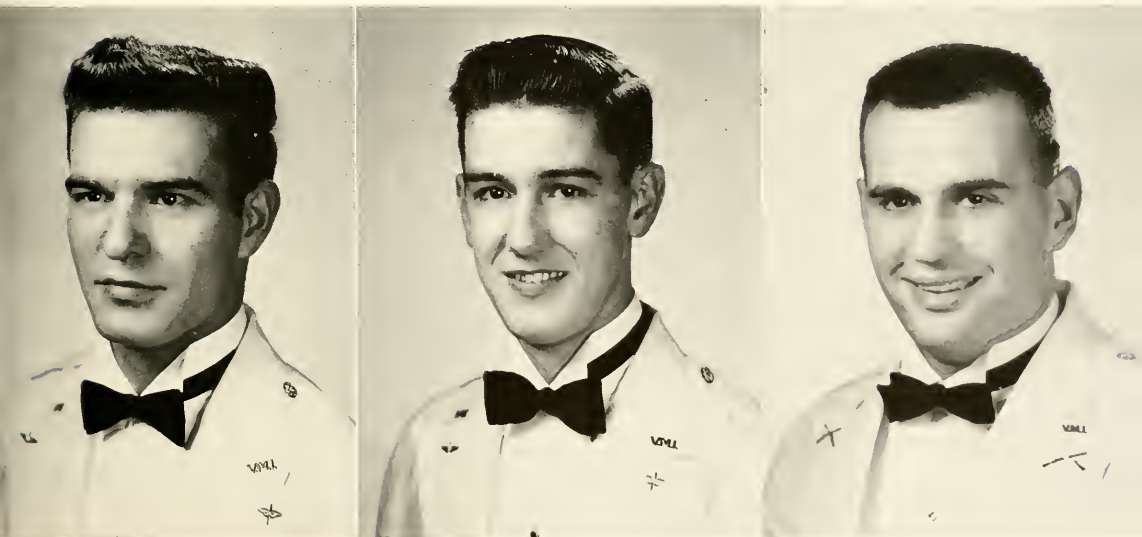
Bob has never been one to admit that he found himself a home when he came to the Virginia Military Institute, but he has stuck it out with the patience of the long suffering and has eventually landed on top of the pile. He will be with Uncle Sam in the "bus-driver-blue" for a couple of years, but no matter where he is, his patience and good humor will carry him through.

STANLEY JOSEPH RADKOWSKI, Sharon, Pennsylvania—Air Force, Chemistry—Fourth Class: Private, Newman Club, American Chemical Society. Third Class: Private, Newman Club, American Chemical Society. Second Class: Private, Newman Club, American Chemical Society. First Class: Private, Newman Club, American Chemical Society, Officers of the Guard Association, Cadet Waiter.

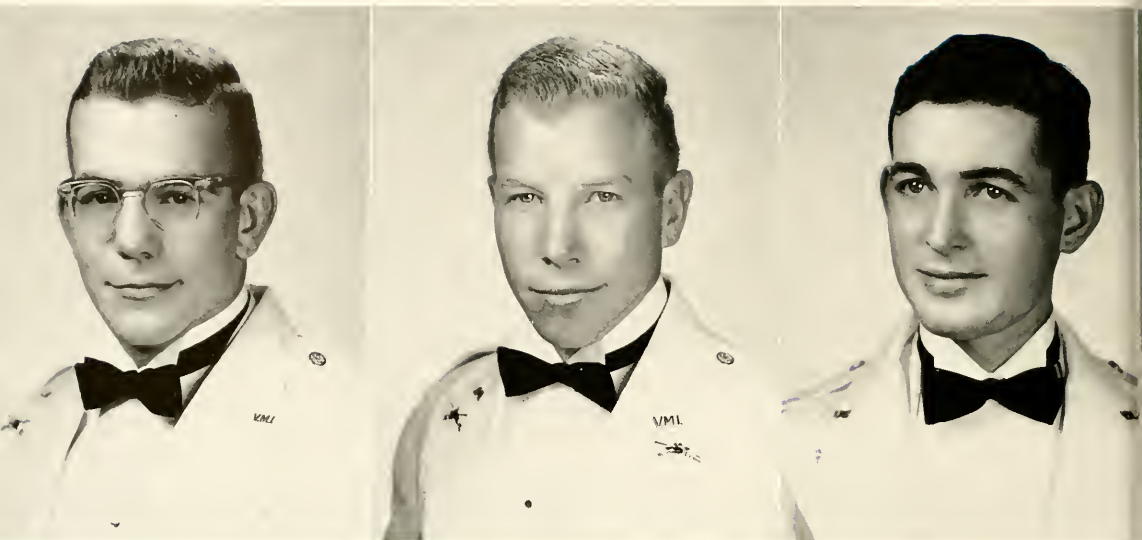
This brilliant young man, who throughout his cadetship has hated the military system, and who has been known throughout barracks as the only man who never attended a military formation during his first class year, is thought of as rather quiet and conservative. But all who know Stan, his witty sense of humor and pleasant personality, will agree that he is bound to be a great success not only in graduate school, but also in the years to come.

GEORGE WILLIAM RALPH, Indianapolis, Indiana—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Rat Football, Basketball, Baseball, Numerals in All Three, M. D. A., Private. Third Class: Varsity Football, Basketball, Baseball, Monograms in All Three, Monogram Club, Second String All-State Basketball, Private. Second Class: Varsity Football, Basketball, Baseball, Captain Basketball Team, Monogram Club, M. D. A. Vice President, Private. First Class: Varsity Football, Basketball, Baseball, History Club, Second Team All-State Football, Second Team All-Southern Basketball, Monogram Club, Private.

Who doesn't know this big, rambling guy, both in barracks and by watching him on the athletic field. Never one to lose his temper or refuse a favor for a fellow cadet, "Roscoe" will certainly be missed by everyone, especially when the "Big Red" Basketball Team takes to the court or when "F" Company passes in review without that familiar head towering above the rest. Success and happiness are bound to follow him wherever he may go.



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GEORGE ALLEN RAMER, Hartwood, Virginia—Armor, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Football, Basketball, Baseball. Third Class: Corporal, Varsity Football, Varsity Baseball (Second Team All-State Catcher), A. S. C. E., Intramural Basketball, Monogram Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Varsity Football (Honorable Mention All-State), Varsity Baseball (First Team All-State Catcher), Distinguished Military Student, Monogram Club, A. S. C. E., Intramural Basketball. First Class: Varsity Football (Second Team All-State), Co-Captain Football Team, Vice President Monogram Club, A. S. C. E., Distinguished Military Student, *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*, Intramural Basketball, Varsity Baseball.

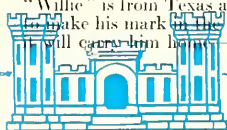
While at V. M. I., George has made an outstanding record in everything he has attempted. Probably he is best known in the sports field where he never played anything but a first string position throughout his cadetship. "Toby" has always been a hard worker and wherever he may go, he can be sure of a first string position.

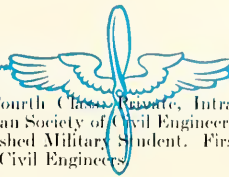
E. JEFF ROBERTSON II, Norfolk, Virginia—Armor, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, A. S. C. E., Tidewater Club, Rat Track, Rat Wrestling. Third Class: Private, A. S. C. E., Tidewater Club, Varsity Track, Varsity Wrestling, Monogram Club. Second Class: Private, A. S. C. E., Tidewater Club, Varsity Track, Varsity Wrestling, Monogram Club, Assistant Football Manager, Athletic Council. First Class: Private, A. S. C. E., Tidewater Club, Varsity Wrestling, O. G. A., Monogram Club Secretary, Varsity Football Co-Manager, Athletic Council.

The most outstanding aspect in Jeff's cadetship has been his will to sacrifice his best to attain his goal. To all of us he has been that quiet and considerate individual who was patient with everyone but an opponent in a wrestling match. His serious attitude and initiative have brought him to the top in both athletics and academics. Accompanying his sobriety is a sharp eye for week end jaunts and sports in general. This cross section of traits has made Jeff a friend to all.

WILLIAM ARTHUR ROBINSON, Cameron, Texas—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Private, Texas Club. Third Class: Private, Texas Club. Second Class: Sergeant, History Club, Texas Club, Distinguished Military Student. First Class: Private, History Club, Texas Club, Armed Forces Club, O. G. A.

"Willie" is from Texas and you don't have to be around him long to find it out. With his loud mouth he is bound to make his mark in the world. He is looking forward to a career as a "stove pipe jockey" with the sole hope that it will carry him home to Texas. Adios Amigos.





RICHARD WHITE ROWE, Downy, California—Artillery, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Intramurals, Louisiana Club, Methodist Club. Third Class: Corporal, Intramurals, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Sergeant, American Society of Civil Engineers, Intramurals, Distinguished Military Student. First Class: First Lieutenant, Battalion Supply Officer, Intramurals, American Society of Civil Engineers.

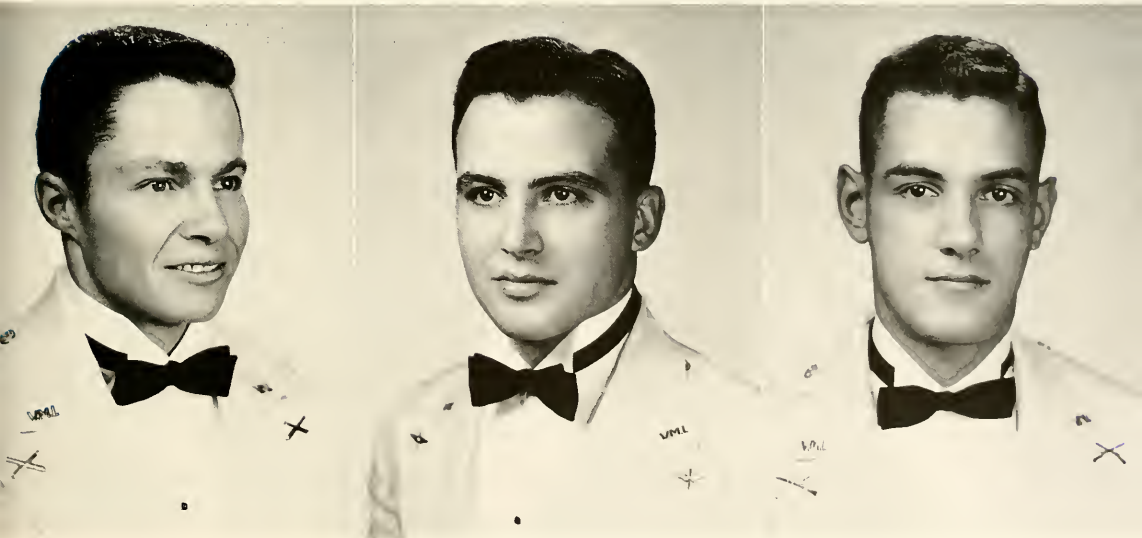
From California—the land of liquid sunshine—came V. M. I.'s own Dick Rowe. The incorruptible ex-Cajun soon upon his arrival became one of the indispensable characters of barracks. "Black Boy's" personality spread quickly, and he became V. M. I.'s answer to the Hollywood lover. No other words describe him better than a true friend and great guy. The future is bright for a person of this sort for as far as the future is concerned the sky is the limit.

JOHN A. SANGUIGNI, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—Air Force, Chemistry—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Basketball, Rat Baseball. Third Class: Private, Varsity Baseball, Monogram Club, American Chemical Society. Second Class: Private, Varsity Baseball, Monogram Club, American Chemical Society, Academic Stars. First Class: Private, Varsity Baseball, Monogram Club, American Chemical Society, Academic Stars.

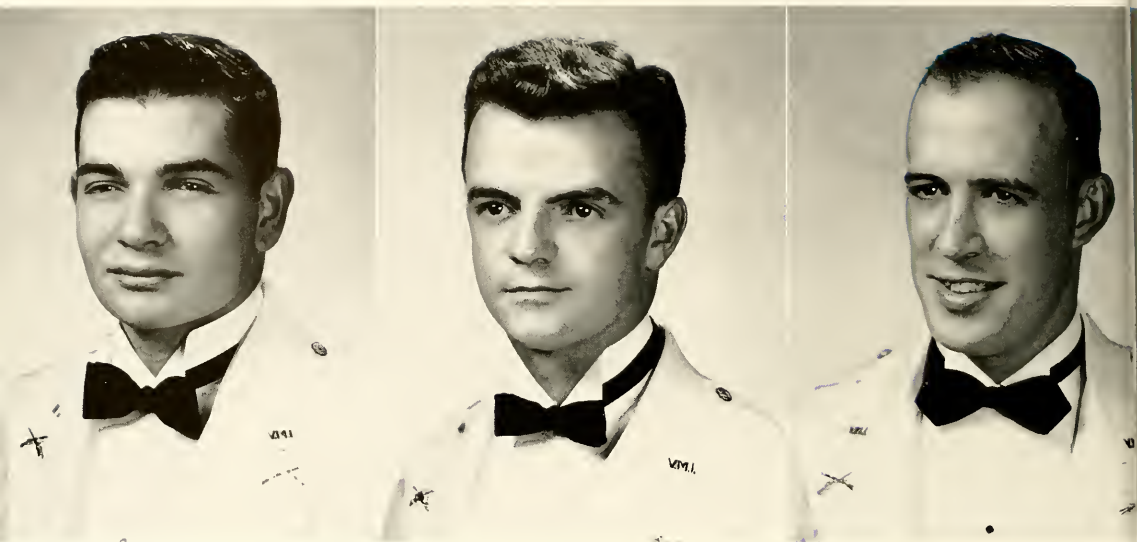
Jack came to us from the Smoky City, with an undecided future. But he stood unmoved by the military life, and remained true to the deep love in his heart for the civilian life. An excellent student in one of the hardest courses at V. M. I., and an honor student for four years, this friendly Pittsburgher has made friends as easily as he has made his fine record.

JOSEPH R. SANTA BARBARA, Waterbury, Connecticut—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Newman Club, International Relations Club, Armed Forces Club, Intramural Sports, Yankee Club, Private. Third Class: Newman Club, International Relations Club, Armed Forces Club, Intramural Sports, Yankee Club, Private. Second Class: Newman Club, International Relations Club, Armed Forces Club, Intramural Sports, Yankee Club, Private. First Class: Newman Club, International Relations Club, Armed Forces Club, O. G. A., Intramural Sports, Yankee Club, Private.

In September, 1949, Joe came down from Connecticut to V. M. I. to try his hand at the military life. He must have liked it because he was one of the most military privates the Institute has seen in a long time. Next to wine, women and a good party, "The Anchor and Globe" are the "Easterners" pride and joy. An above average student of the L. A. department Joe should go far whether it be in the Marines or as a lawyer.



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EDUARDO A. SANTOS, Guayaquil, Ecuador—Infantry, History—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Swimming, Newman Club. Third Class: Corporal, Varsity Swimming, Secretary Newman Club. Second Class: Private, Soccer Club, Newman Club. First Class: Private, Newman Club.

One of the best examples of our good neighbor policy with Latin American countries revolves around the form of lend-lease in the case of Ed Santos. Well known for his action filled week ends and cute girls the "Ecuadorian Eunich" has not neglected the finer things in life here at V. M. I., namely the "sack" and the television set. Nevertheless, he has managed to make a fine record in Academics as well as many friends in his four year sojourn.

WILLIAM PATRICK SCHUBMEHL, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania—Armor, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Newman Club, Wrestling. Third Class: Corporal. Second Class: Sergeant, Assistant Varsity Basketball Manager. First Class: Private, Intramural Council, Cadet Staff, A. S. C. E., Distinguished Military Student.

Short in stature, but long on personality, this Yankee turned Rebel soon learned how to appreciate southern women as well as southern comfort. "Schub's" love of a good time, however, didn't prevent him from overcoming the difficulties of the Civil Engineering course. Leaving behind a million friends and a trail of broken hearts from Clifton Forge to Richmond, he can look forward to continued success in the Marine Corps.

WENDELL L. SHAY, Power, West Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Football, Basketball, Outdoor Track. Third Class: Football, Indoor and Outdoor Track, A. S. C. E., Private. Second Class: Football, Indoor and Outdoor Track, A. S. C. E., Sergeant. First Class: Football, Indoor and Outdoor Track, A. S. C. E., O. G. A., Private.

Wendy is known as "The Old Man" from West Virginia. He works hard at whatever he takes up and usually succeeds at his tasks. He is always ready for a party and sometimes makes his own parties. He has worked hard here at V. M. I. to get his diploma and will, no doubt, work much harder in civilian life to gain success. His uncan-



R. RICHARD SHUMAN, Babson Park, Massachusetts—Air Force, English—Fourth Class: Rat Football, Track, Glee Club, *Turn-Out* and Bomb Staffs, Private. Third Class: Track, Glee Club, *Turn-Out* and Bomb Staffs, Private. Second Class: Glee Club, *Turn-Out* and Bomb Staffs, Canterbury Club, Armed Forces Club, Private, Chairman Ring and Ring Figure Committees 1953. First Class: Glee Club, *Turn-Out* Staff, Canterbury Club, Armed Forces Club, Private, O. G. A.

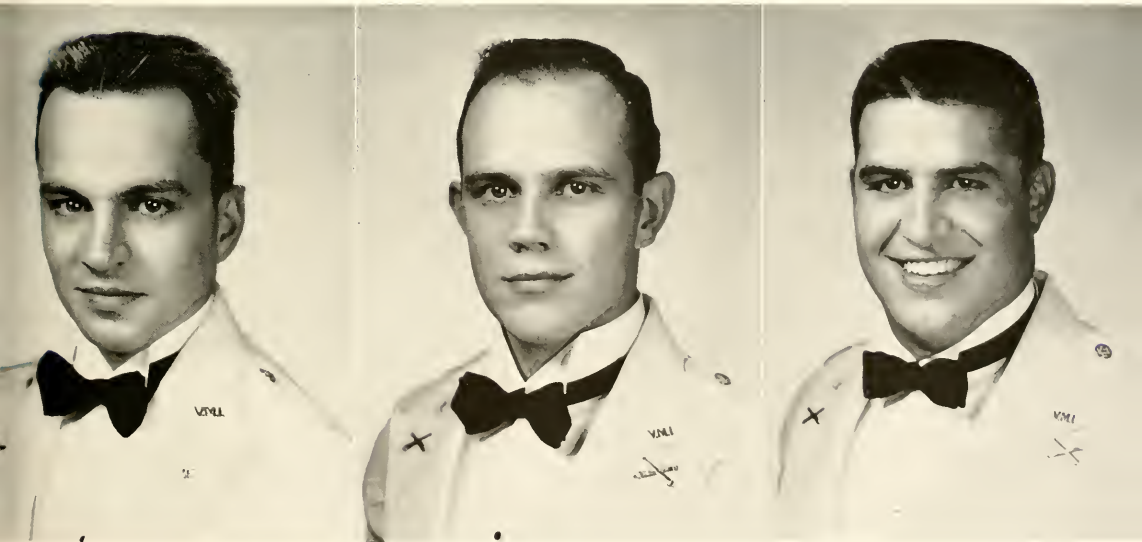
First in War, First in Peace, First in the Heart of His Country—Ann. If ever a man deserves the best it's Dick. A long fight, but a rewarding one. The big man behind most of the art work of our publications and hops. Always a smile and pointed humor, a true friend always. The saying definitely applies "A friend in need, a friend indeed."

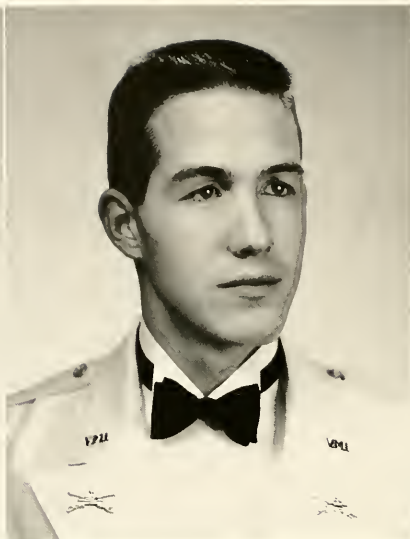
PETER SHUNK, Alexandria, Virginia—Artillery, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private. Third Class: Private, A. S. C. E. Second Class: Private, A. S. C. E. First Class: Second Lieutenant, A. S. C. E.

In his own words "an Army brat", Peter came to V. M. I. from the military service. R. A. bound for his entire cadetship, there is no doubt as to his success. As one of Buzz's boys, there is little chance of failure in this field either, as a clear head and nimble wit are characteristics to promote success in any field. In either case Pete's constant smile, supreme optimism, and warm greeting cannot but promote good will with all whom he comes in contact.

JOSEPH ALLEN SILER, Martinsburg, West Virginia—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Private, Football, Wrestling, Baseball. Third Class: Private, Football. Second Class: Private, Football. First Class: Private, Football, First Team All-State and Second Team All-Southern Conference, O. G. A., Armed Forces Club.

"Joltin' Joe," West by God Virginia's native son came over the mountains and began his eternal four year career. From parade ground to football field Joe has reserved a position of administration and respect from all his associates. A loyal Romeo, Joe has become distinctive through his ardent devotion to the girl back home. It is with deep regret that we lose this companionship, but Joe won't be forgotten.





RICHARD WOOD TALBOTT SKINNER, Severna Park, Maryland—Corps of Engineers, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Wrestling. Third Class: Private, American Society of Civil Engineers. Second Class: Private, American Society of Civil Engineers. First Class: Private, American Society of Civil Engineers, Officers of the Guard Association, Society of American Mechanical Engineers.

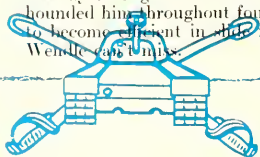
Through the years our first impression of Dick has never changed. "Our quiet boy" entered V. M. I. with a cheerful smile, a good sense of humor, and plenty of wit. With them he has won more friends than can be counted. Though always ready for a good joke, he is an excellent student. Dick is destined to succeed in any phase of life he shall endeavor to undertake.

W. ALLEN SMITH, JR., Studley, Virginia—Armor, English—Fourth Class: Private, Wrestling, Richmond Club. Third Class: Glee Club, Private, Richmond Club. Second Class: Private, Glee Club, Richmond Club, Armed Forces Club. First Class: Private, Glee Club, Armed Forces Club, O. G. A., Richmond Club.

Studley, Virginia's claim to fame lies in the man without an academic major. While being a true liberal artist in every sense of the word, Wild Bill has shown signs of talent that lean toward Doc Carroll's Pre-Med Department. His interest in the birds and the bees leaves everyone with the opinion that the "grand old philosopher" of barracks will some day reach the top in the field of medicine. If not in medicine, you can bet that Bill will be one of the ones on top looking down no matter what he chooses as his life's profession.

WENDLE RHEA SNAPP, Gate City, Virginia—Engineers, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Third Class: Corporal, Southwest Virginia Club, American Society of Civil Engineers, *Turn-Out* Art Staff. Second Class: Sergeant, Southwest Virginia Club, American Society of Civil Engineers, Art Staff of *Turn-Out*, Ring Figure Committee, Manager J. V. Football. First Class: First Lieutenant, *Edet* Staff, American Society of Civil Engineers, Art Editor *Turn-Out*, Advertising Manager Hop Committee, Southwest Virginia Club.

One of the few from the home of the natural tunnel to pass through Jackson Arch, "Grendle" has managed to tunnel his way through the civil course while retaining an L. A. attitude. Dreams of the bohemian life of an artist have hounded him throughout four years of engineering and tin soldiering, but he has managed to subdue them enough to become efficient in the rule slipping and the sabre manual. With this combination of interests and talents, Wendle can tunnel.



JOHN DAVID STEVENSON, Norfolk, Virginia—Engineers, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Football, Wrestling, Track, Newman Club, International Relations Club, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Private, Wrestling, A. S. C. E., Newman Club, Tidewater Club, I. R. C. Second Class: Private, Wrestling, A. S. C. E., Tidewater Club, Newman Club. First Class: Private, Wrestling, A. S. C. E., Tidewater Club.

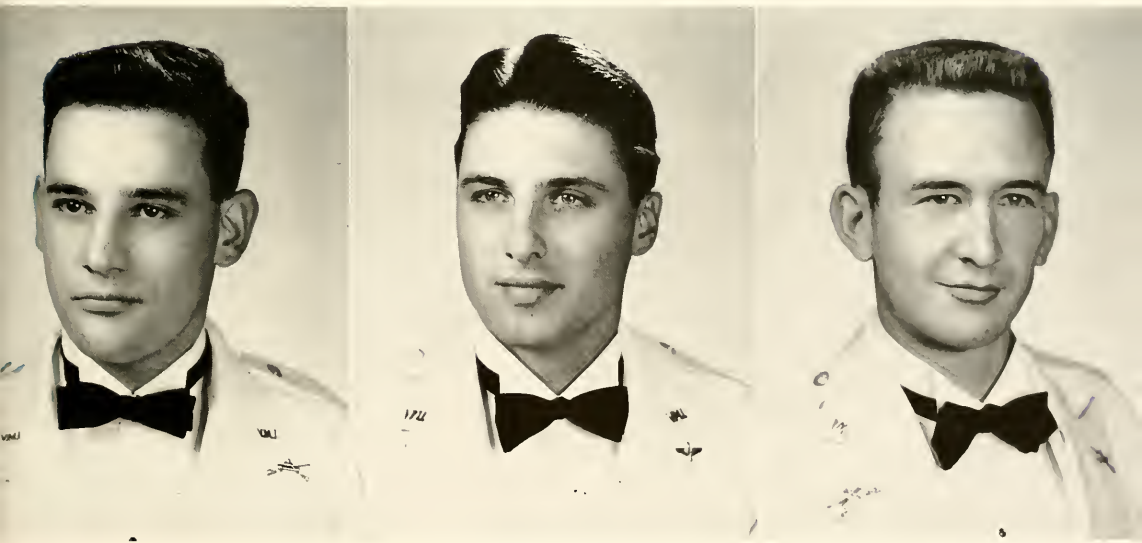
John came swinging into Lexington back in '50 as a private and has been extremely satisfied with this status ever since. He never tried for nor obtained rank, however his academic record has distinguished him as one of the outstanding members of his class. His two main interests are women and wrestling; at times these interests are closely coordinated. His size and strength have earned him such names as "Animal" and "Canvas Back". I know John will make the best of his schooling when he obtains his parole this June.

DUTTON G. STOY, Alexandria, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Methodist Club, Intramurals. Third Class: Corporal, Methodist Club, A. S. C. E., Intramurals, Cadre. Second Class: Sergeant, President of Methodist Club, Religious Council, A. S. C. E., Intramurals. First Class: First Lieutenant, Methodist Club, Religious Council, A. S. C. E., Cadre, Intramurals, Distinguished Military Student.

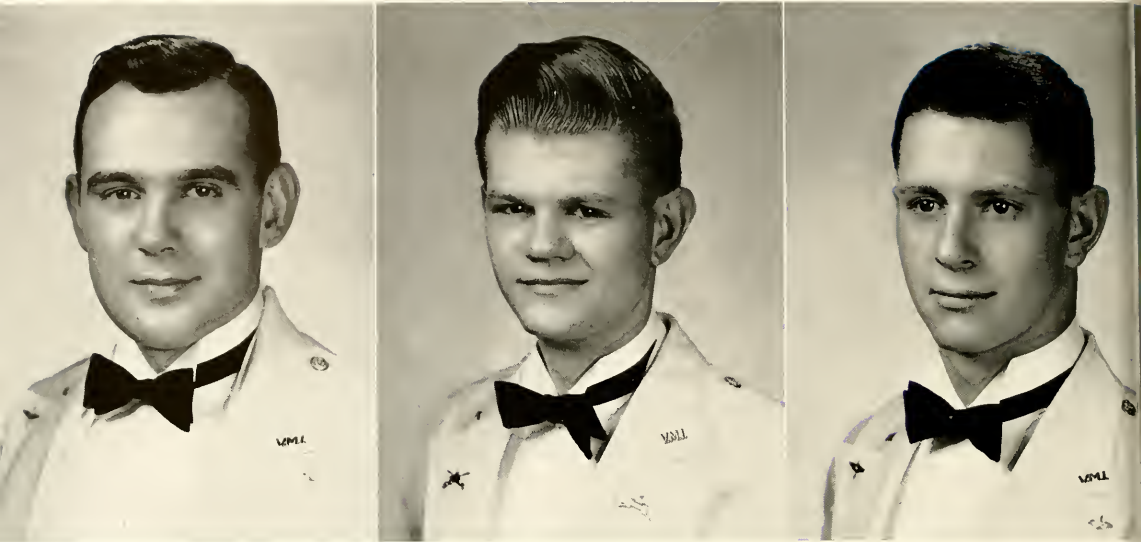
"Struttin' Dutton," afraid of no man—except the D. I. There's no telling what would have happened had he not run zero demerits. Thank goodness he was one of the chosen few! Remembering his many wise cracks, this was indeed an unusual feat. Dut will be hitting the wild blue yonder soon after graduation, and we know he'll come out on top. But only time will tell, Staunton was first—Washington was second—what will be next?

JAMES C. SUTHERLAND, Clifton Forge, Virginia—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Private, Cross Country Track, Baseball, Glee Club, Methodist Club. Third Class: Private, Glee Club. Second Class: Private. First Class: Private, Second Lieutenant, Armed Forces Club, History Club, D. M. S., O. G. A.

"J. C." comes from a long line of brothers who have previously attended V. M. I., but he is the first to become a member of the "Gold Coast" fraternity. We all hope that "Guts and Armor" will continue his success in the Regular Army. The big question on his mind now is: will he have time to party in his accustomed manner?



CLASS OF 1954



CLAIBORNE WATKINS TERRY, Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, History—Fourth Class: Rat Football, Rat Swimming, Canterbury Club, Bomb Staff, *Cadet Staff*, Private, Richmond Club. Third Class: Canterbury Club, *Cadet Staff*, Bomb Staff, Private. Second Class: Canterbury Club, Bomb Staff, *Cadet Staff*, History Club, International Relations Club, Private, Richmond Club. First Class: History Club Officer, Richmond Club Officer, Business Manager of BOMB, Private, O. G. A., International Relations Club.

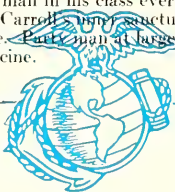
Having learned as a rat that civilian life is much more pleasing than military life, Claiborne has achieved unlimited success in the field of furloughs. He has devoted much time to the opposite sex, but has also maintained a creditable academic standing and has taken part in many extra-curricular activities. "Mickey Mouse" will always be on hand for a party, but he also can be counted upon to handle his share in the business world.

JOHN KENNETH TILLER, JR., Richmond, Virginia—Armor, History—Fourth Class: Private, Armed Forces Club, Richmond Club. Third Class: Corporal, Armed Forces Club, Richmond Club. Second Class: Private, Armed Forces Club, International Relations Club, History Club, Richmond Club, Circulation Staff of BOMB. First Class: Private, Armed Forces Club, International Relations Club, History Club, Richmond Club, Circulation Staff of BOMB, O. G. A.

Jack entered V. M. I. four years ago from the Holy City. After a rather frustrating Rat year he became a history major during those few times when he wasn't on furlough or in the L. A. "laboratory." In addition to the distinction of being the undisputed snoring champion of barracks, Jack has a ready smile and a pleasant personality, which will make him welcome wherever he may go during the coming years.

RICHARD BONNER TRUMBO, Norfolk, Virginia—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Cross Country, Wrestling, Tidewater Club, Bomb Staff. Third Class: Corporal, Wrestling, Tidewater Club, Virginia Academy of Science. Second Class: Sergeant, Wrestling, Tidewater Club, V. A. S., Hop Committee, Northside Club, Monogram Minstrel, Glee Club, Ring Figure Committee. First Class: Second Lieutenant, Wrestling, Vice President Tidewater Club, V. A. S., Hop Committee, Northside Club, Monogram Club, Monogram Minstrel.

Among the most popular emerging from Tidewater, Virginia comes V. M. I.'s individualistic lover. Richard was the only man in his class ever to part with his miniature unknowingly. Often found haunting the dark reserves of Doc Carroll's room, big Richard gave up his famed future as an officer to concentrate on something worth while. Party man at large turns from his party romances, wrestling and fabulous week ends to improve the field of medicine.



WILLIAM O. TURNER, JR., Newport News, Virginia—Armor, English—Fourth Class: Glee Club, Baptist Club, Private. Third Class: *Cadet Staff*, Private. Second Class: *Cadet Staff*, *Turn-Out Staff*, Private. First Class: Sports Editor of *Cadet*, Private.

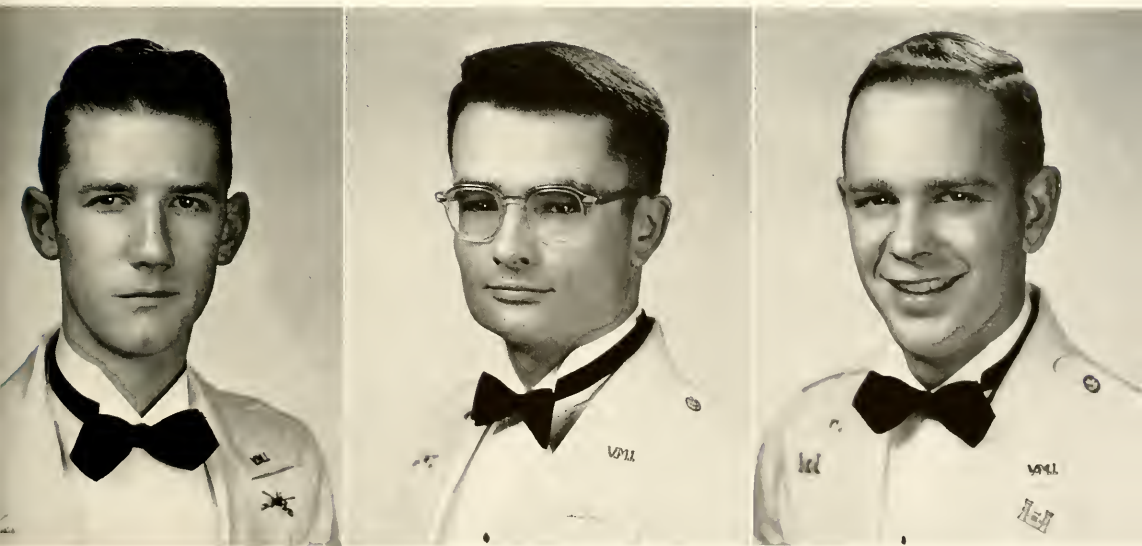
Gay wit and a sparkling personality spell "Wild Bill" Turner's future. Grantland Rice of the sportsworld, known also for his taste in women, principally those from Lexington. Bill's wit has enlivened many a conversation and bull session, thereby making life more pleasant for all who come in contact with him the past four years. We predict a great future for Bill in whatever field he chooses due to his outstanding disposition and ambition.

DONALD H. WALDEN, Montvale, Virginia—Armor, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private. Third Class: Private, A. S. C. E. Second Class: Private, A. S. C. E. First Class: Private, A. S. C. E., O. G. A., Circulation Staff of 1954 BOMB.

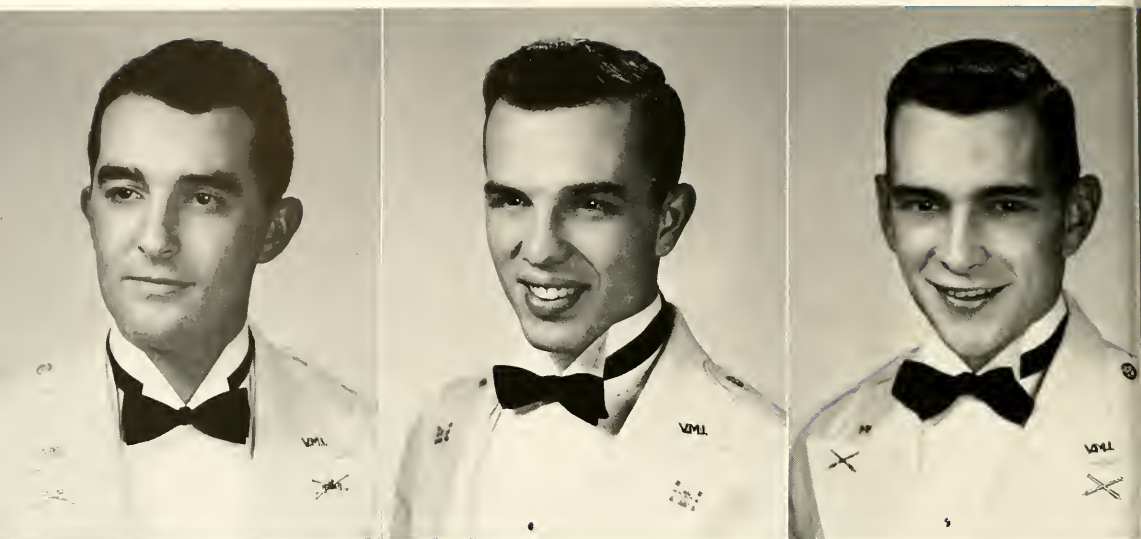
Once again we hear that famous cry, "No rest for the weary," as Don turns to his favorite pastime—the sack. Don, who is usually slow and easy going, never gets in a hurry until that last note of assembly. He is not slow, however, when it comes to friendship. No favor is too great to ask of Don. He is truly worth knowing and a friend worth having.

ARMSTRONG THOMAS WALLACE, Baltimore, Maryland—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Swimming. Third Class: Private, Varsity Swimming, Lacrosse Club, Northside Club, Art Staff *Turn-Out*, Intramural Water Polo. Second Class: Private, Northside Club, Armed Forces Club, Lacrosse Club, Tidewater Club (Honorary), Art Staff *Turn-Out*, Ring Figure Committee. First Class: Editor *Civil Shaft*, Assistant Manager Swimming Team, Armed Forces Club, Lacrosse Club, O. G. A., Post Exchange Council, Tidewater Club (Honorary), Art Staff *Turn-Out*, Northside Club, Advertising Staff BOMB, A. S. C. E.

In spite of his red hair and inability to hold a girl, Tom has managed to smile his way through four years at V. M. I. Tom came to V. M. I. neither to lead or to follow, but to wander aimlessly in the middle. He has gone through a typical C. E. schedule with an L. A. attitude. In the future his life will be a story of three loves: sailing, beer and people. This is one good guy that will go far.



CLASS OF 1954



RICHARD H. WALSH, Oyster Bay, New York—Armor, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Transferred. Third Class: Private, A. S. C. E., Rat Football. Second Class: Private, A. S. C. E., Armed Forces Club, Intramural Basketball. First Class: Private, A. S. C. E., Armed Forces Club, I. R. C., Intramural Football, Basketball, O. G. A., Vice President Yankee Club, Softball.

This tall, dark, handsome Yankee descended upon the Institute on that memorable day back in '51. Being the amiable and reserved person he is, Dick found orientation a mere formality. His meteoric success in his academic work has made him one of "Uncle Buzz's" favorite boys. Socially Dick only has eyes for a certain Yankee belle. Well liked and respected by all, we feel certain Dick's future will be a bright one.

THOMAS GRIFFITH WEBB, Clifton, Virginia—Artillery, Electrical Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Indoor Track, Westminster Fellowship. Third Class: Private, Westminster Fellowship. Second Class: Private, American Institute of Electrical Engineers. First Class: Private, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, A. I. E. E. Board, Officers of the Guard Association, Barracks Electrician, Cadet Waiter, Armed Forces Club.

Before "Sambo" came to V. M. I., he was told that he just wasn't college material. But here he is top graduate for the E.E.'s (believe it or not), a profound lover of the humanities, an outspoken leader of the resistance, and a devoted disciple of Colonels "J" and "D", "Nicholnose", and the D. P. from Mississippi. With his determination and friendly way and by the grace of his wife, we are confident that the Webbs will find a comfortable niche in life.

ROBERT WILLIAM WENTZ, JR., Portsmouth, Virginia—Artillery, History—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Football, Rat Basketball, Rat Baseball, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Corporal, Varsity Basketball, Monogram Club, Northside Club, Tidewater Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Varsity Basketball, Monogram Club, History Club, Armed Forces Club, Cadet Staff, Northside Club, Tidewater Club. First Class: Second Lieutenant, Varsity Basketball, Monogram Club, History Club, Armed Forces Club, Cadet Staff, Northside Club, Tidewater Club.

In Bob we find the typical sack-conscious I.A. running (ha) officer, and ever faithful lover. An ardent student of the French language and indoor sports of his own creating, Bob has also earned the reputation on the hardwoods as one of Chuck "No. 9" Boys. Bob's conscientious attitude towards the service will insure him success in that field—his engaging personality will assure Connie and him a happy and eventful life together.



JOHN WISE WESCOTT, Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Indoor and Outdoor Track, Private, Cross Country, Virginia Academy of Science, National Speleological Society, Bomb Staff, Richmond Club, Presbyterian Club. Third Class: Private, Indoor and Outdoor Track, V. A. S., Richmond Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Junior Varsity Golf Team. First Class: Private, Indoor and Outdoor Track, International Relations Club, Richmond Club, V. A. S.

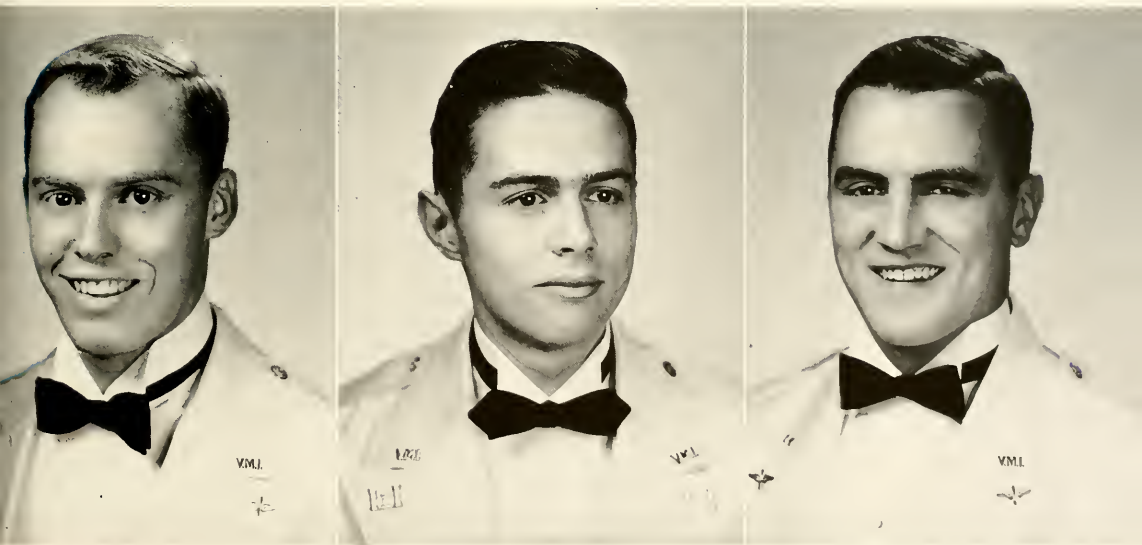
This suave, sophisticated red head, who hails from the "Cradle of the South", Richmond, has let no dust settle on him while he attended the Institute. Leaving a little time between managing affairs of future parties and his women, "Weenie" has managed to excel in his studies and participate in track. John left the Institute in 1952 to attend the University of North Carolina, but that intangible force drew him away from his parties to finish his senior year at the Institute, leaving him well on the road to Med-School at U. Va.

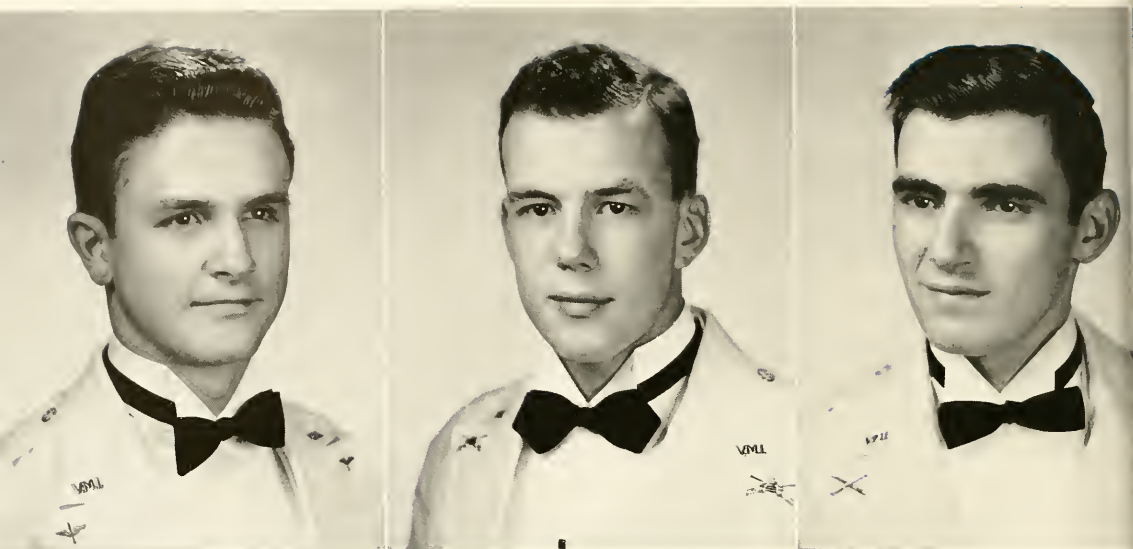
JOCK RODGERS WHEELER, Hampton, Virginia—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Wrestling, Rat Baseball, Canterbury Club, Virginia Academy of Science, Glee Club, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Corporal, Varsity Wrestling, Canterbury Club, Virginia Academy of Science, Bomb Staff (Circulation), Glee Club, Northside Club, Tidewater Club. Second Class: Sergeant, Varsity Wrestling, Monogram Club, Academic Stars, Virginia Academy of Science, Glee Club, Bomb Staff (Circulation), Northside Club. First Class: Second Lieutenant, Varsity Wrestling, Monogram Club, Glee Club, Virginia Academy of Science, Sports Staff *Cadet*, Northside Club, Tidewater Club.

The pride of Hampton, Virginia, Jock has been a stand-out in all his undertakings (excluding Air Science IV). An athlete and an officer he managed to obtain the number one position among the pre-meds without missing a party. His love life has left a trail of broken hearts from here to Hampton and although the search still goes on, we know his determination will bring success in love as well as at M. C. V.

HENRY GEORGE WHITE, JR., Norfolk, Virginia—Air Force, Biology—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Tidewater Club, Rat Swimming Team, Rat Track Team. Third Class: Private, Glee Club, Tidewater Club, Varsity Swimming, Varsity Track, Monogram Club, Monogram Minstrel. Second Class: Private, Glee Club, Tidewater Club, Monogram Club, Varsity Swimming, Varsity Track, Sports Writer of the *Cadet*, Assistant Athletic Trainer, Monogram Minstrel. First Class: Private, Glee Club, Tidewater Club, Monogram Club, Monogram Minstrel, Varsity Swimming, Varsity Track, Sports Writer *Cadet*, Sports Editor for the Bomb, Assistant Athletic Trainer, Vice President O. G. A.

There are few in the Class of '54 that have taken part in as many extra-cirricular activities as "Mud". Of these, he was outstanding on the swimming team and the Glee Club. With his mind set on becoming a doctor, "Mud's" ability to associate with people will no doubt take him far in this profession.





HUGH VERNON WHITE, JR., Holland, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Corporal, Tidewater Club, Treasurer American Society of Civil Engineering. Second Class: First Sergeant, Tidewater Club, American Society of Civil Engineering, Northside Club. First Class: Captain, Tidewater Club, American Society of Civil Engineering, Honor Court.

From Holland, Virginia comes a portrait of a rough _____. The Spartan life that "Skipper" led was cast aside, the Epicurean life of a Cadet took its place, and his interests boiled down to a certain dark-haired school teacher. All this has not hindered his progress, however, for he has become a leader in the social, military, and academic aspects of cadet life, and this rare combination gives us one of our most outstanding Brother Rats.

WILLIAM W. WHITEHURST, Lexington, Virginia—Infantry, Pre-Medicine—Fourth Class: Monogram Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track. Third Class: Monogram Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Monogram Club. Second Class: Monogram Cross Country, Outdoor Track, Monogram Club. First Class: Captain of Cross Country, Monogram Indoor Track and Outdoor Track.

"Willie" has literally run his way through the Institute, and his exploits on the under path have aided in making one of the most successful years in V. M. I. athletic history. One of "Doc" Carroll's Boys, he has plans of becoming a cadaver carver at the Medical College of Virginia next year. Good Luck, Bill!

JAMES ANDREWS WHITTE, Farmville, Virginia—Artillery, Civil Engineer—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Baseball. Third Class: Private. Second Class: Sergeant, D. M. S., American Society of Civil Engineers. First Class: Battalion S-3, D. M. S., American Society of Civil Engineers.

After his first two years which were riotous on occasion, Jimmy settled down to become one of the most serious-minded boys here. His marked achievements in both the Academic and Military fields indicate that he must have been influenced by an outside source—possibly Betty. It is appropriate to mention that occasionally he passes out the best of class. There are none that could doubt that Jimmy's future as an engineer is secure.



SYLVANUS JOHNSON WILLIAMS III, Norfolk, Virginia—Artillery, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Armed Forces Club, Tidewater Club. Third Class: Corporal, Armed Forces Club, Tidewater Club, American Society of Civil Engineers, Northside Club, Blood Bowl. Second Class: Private, Armed Forces Club, Tidewater Club, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Photogrammetry, Presbyterian Club, Blood Bowl. First Class: Private, Armed Forces Club, Tidewater Club, American Society of Civil Engineers, Presbyterian Club, Blood Bowl.

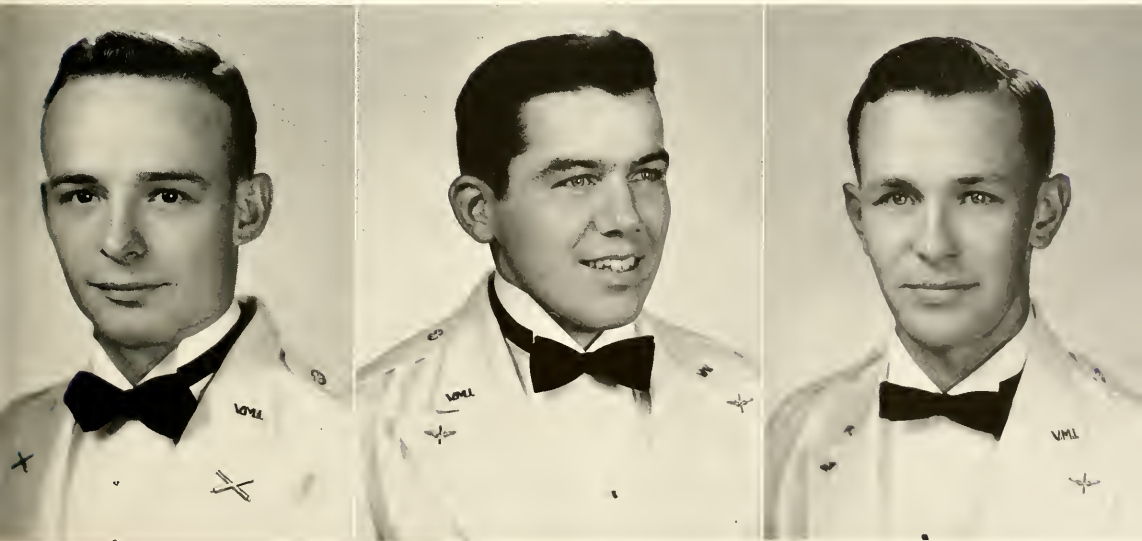
Ever since that fateful day in September, 1950, when the great lover entered these hallowed walls, the calendar has been covered with a bloody trail of broken hearts. However, four years have seen a great change come over "Sylvanus", namely in his titanic support of football games and his finding "The Girl". Come graduation Punch! will pack up his slide rule and handbooks and slowly fade away into the distant hills dragging his plumb bob behind him. Beware cruel world, thy master approaches.

THOMAS SPENCER WILLIAMSON III, Richmond, Virginia—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Glee Club, Rat Football, Rat Tennis, Richmond Club. Third Class: Private, Glee Club, A. S. C. E., Richmond Club. Second Class: Private, Glee Club, A. S. C. E., '53 Bomb Staff, Richmond Club, Northside Club. First Class: Private, Glee Club, A. S. C. E., O. G. A. Representative, '54 Bomb Staff, Richmond Club.

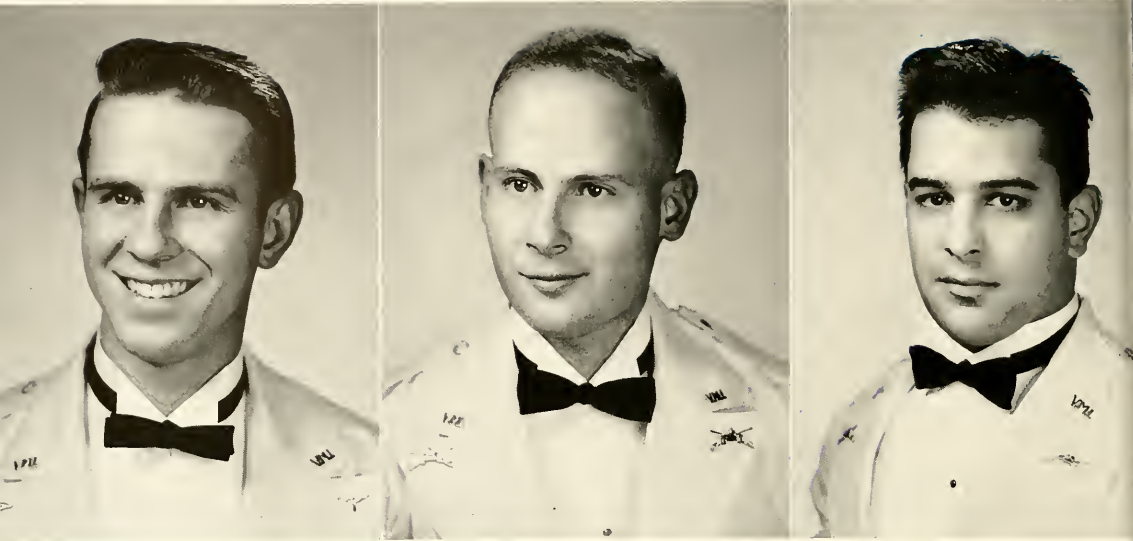
Tommy's accomplishments during his four years at V. M. I. range from a great improvement (?) in the playing of the guitar to the wooing of the fair sex at all the surrounding girls' colleges, with a special interest toward Randolph-Macon. Although always expected at a party, "Skipper's" goal was his diploma, and through his earnest efforts he has reached that goal. With this accomplishment as proof, we feel certain that Tommy will continue to gain his objective throughout the future.

JOHN WILLIAM WINDLE, JR., McComb, Mississippi—Air Force, Electrical Engineer—Fourth Class: Private, Methodist Club, Mississippi Club. Third Class: Corporal, Mississippi Club. Second Class: Mississippi Club, Amateur Radio Club, Sergeant. First Class: Lieutenant, Deep South Club, A. I. E. E., O. G. A.

There dawned a new era when Mississippi's favorite son arrived at the Institute. A true Rebel in every sense of the word, John will fight the "War Between the States" with anyone preferably a "Damn Yankee". But wash off that Mississippi mud and you'll find a man that is hard to beat. The top of the ladder is John's ambition and you've got a sure thing if you bet on him to make it.



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JOHN FENNELL WOLFE, Silver Spring, Maryland—Air Force, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Canterbury Club. Third Class: Private. Second Class: Private, Armed Forces Club. First Class: A. S. C. E., International Relations Club, Private, Armed Forces Club, O. G. A.

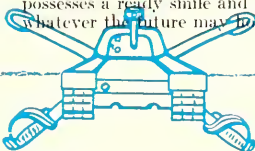
Those in "Fox" Company will remember for many years the voice of authority displayed by Johnny. His military bearing would do justice to any cadet officer and his sabre manual would have put the Prussians to shame. Even more outstanding than his military was his social life. As one ardent admirer exclaimed, "John could knock any girl off her feet," and he could. With such a college foundation John is ready to go into the world and try to change his middle name to Rockefeller.

WILLIAM TIGNOR WOOD, Richmond, Virginia—Armor, Pre-Medical—Fourth Class: Private, Rat Basketball, Golf Team. Third Class: Corporal, Golf Team. Second Class: Sergeant, Co-Captain of Golf Team. First Class: Private, Co-Captain of Golf Team, O. G. A.

Any evening about 10:00, if you happened to stroll into room 123, you would find "The Eagle" in the sack. That free-lance trumpet, distinguishable at any parade, is also operated by "Wild-Bill". More than one crayfish has met destruction at the hands of our steady-fingered, nonchalant pre-med. However, the Biology Department is not Bill's only field of endeavor. Week ends will find him tearing up real estate on the local golf links, and conducting search parties in the faraway woods. It has been a pleasure to all of us to have enjoyed the friendship and humor of our Brother Rat Bill Wood.

THOMAS P. WRIGHT, Richmond, Virginia—Engineers, Civil Engineering—Fourth Class: Private, Football, Indoor Track, Glee Club. Third Class: Private, Glee Club, A. S. C. E. Second Class: Private, Glee Club, Armed Forces Club, A. S. C. E. First Class: Private, Guidon-Bearer, Armed Forces Club, A. S. C. E.

Besides many fine week ends and Corps trips, Richmond has given the Class of '54 one of its most sincere and hard-working members. Although best known for his booming voice and staunch support of V. M. I. traditions, T.P. also possesses a ready smile and a friendly personality. He not only "found a home" in Lexington, but also a girl and whatever the future may hold there can be no doubt that Tom and "Liz" will meet with success.



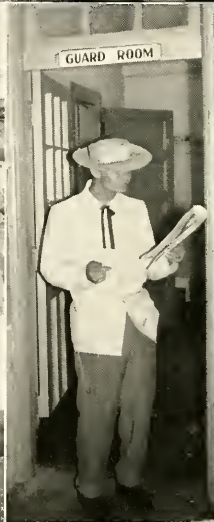
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JOHN AUDUS SHELTON, Louisa, Virginia—Air Force, Electrical Engineering—Fourth Class: Wrestling, Canterbury Club, Private. Third Class: A. I. E. E., Canterbury Club, Private. Second Class: A. I. E. E., Canterbury Club, Private. First Class: A. I. E. E., Canterbury Club, Private.

The best things come in big packages; that adage must have been written for Big John. In the beginning, John took the bit in his teeth and joined the ranks of the EE's. Well-known for resolute performance of business, John has kept his Brother Rats up to date on electrical problems while running the post's public address system. Noted for his generosity he is sure to have success in the race of life.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES . . .





... IN MILITARY LIFE

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '55

After a hectic rat year as the biggest class in V. M. I. history, and proud of having been part of such events as "The Big Step-Off" and "The Midnight March", we arrived in September of our Third Class year ready and eager to show our class's strength by installing new life into the rat line. And after discharging our responsibilities so ably that several new restrictions on conducting the rat line were added by the Institute, we began to do business within our class. The Ring Committee was named with Norm Harris as chairman, and it gave us a beautiful and unusual ring. The Ring Figure Committee was organized with Jimmy Atkinson to head it, and with much hard work on the committee's part, all our 200 plus Brother Rats going through Ring Figure were finally worked into figures. Class elections were held again, and Jim Massie was returned as President, Royce Jones was moved from Historian to Vice President, and Gene Griffith was elected Historian. Then the year had passed and we returned home awaiting our Second Class year and Ring Figure.

It would be useless as well as almost impossible to enumerate all the many incidents of our Second Class year. All that is needed is a little memory stimulation, and the mind of any Brother Rat is at once pregnant with fond remembrances. These experiences, coupled with the close comradeship of living together in barracks, have welded us all into a closely knit clan.

Twenty years from now, when we are spending a few days with that toothpaste-swiping, money-borrowing, inconsiderate ex-roommate, or when we happen to run across "Old so-and-so from — Company, immediately after we have relived our rat year "strain" by "strain", we will inevitably come to that occasion which stands as the epitome of our cadetship . . . Ring Figure! It is almost impossible to understand just how much that one night can mean to a cadet, but outside of graduation, Ring Figure is second to none at V. M. I. We all remember well the anxious rush of our dates and parents' arrivals, the last minute practice, the hurrying to get dressed in time, then gliding nervously through the softly lighted, music-filled gym . . . the silly and incoherent whisperings with our dates . . . smiling relatives and onlookers . . . the rose covered arch before us, a pause, sudden fear of dropping the ring . . . another pause . . . longer this time . . . laughter floating down from the balcony. Then the big party afterwards at the Pine Room, and everybody feeling awfully low the next morning! Over two hundred dollars for one week end, but, man, was it worth it!

Now, after having been exposed to all V. M. I. has to offer for three long years, seeing its traditions, feeling its pride, and determined to uphold its reputation, we are anxious to take the reins as first classmen so that we may put to the first test our brand of leadership. The leadership that we have learned here at V. M. I. . . . the kind of leadership which holds that it is better to lead than to order, and by doing this we hope to prove an old adage of V. M. I. "you can lead the Corps through hell and high water, but you can't push it a damn inch!"

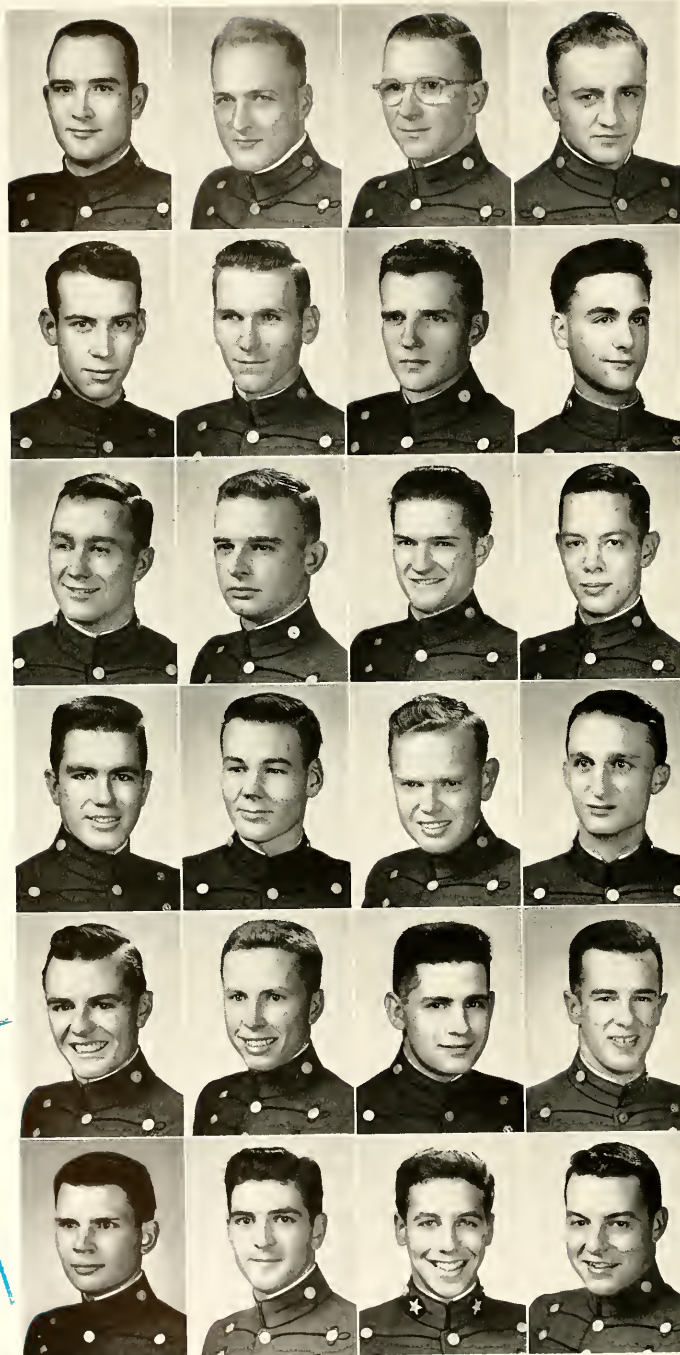


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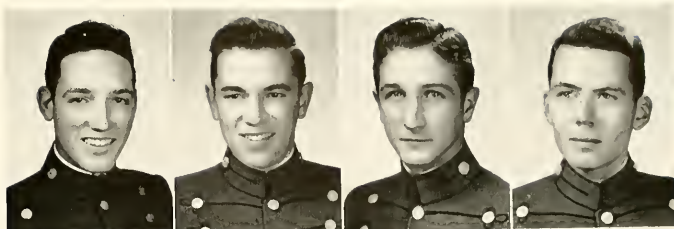
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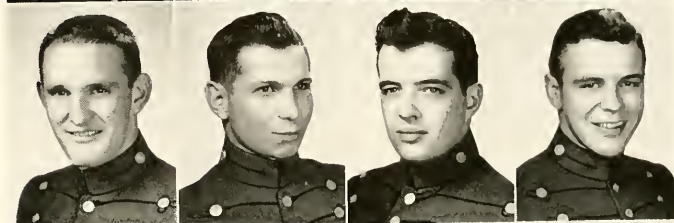


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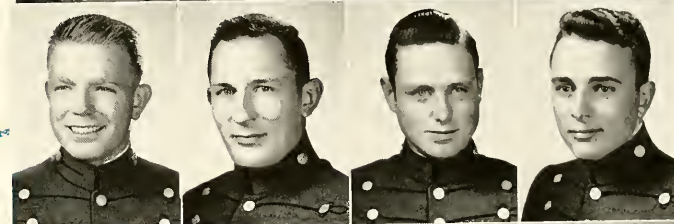


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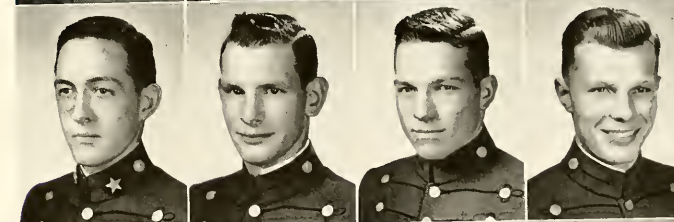


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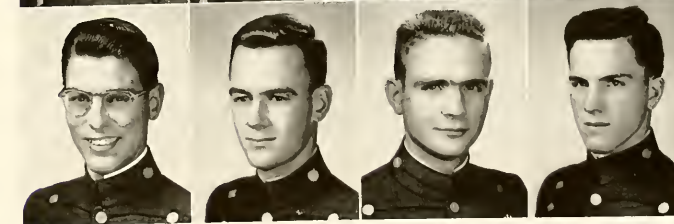


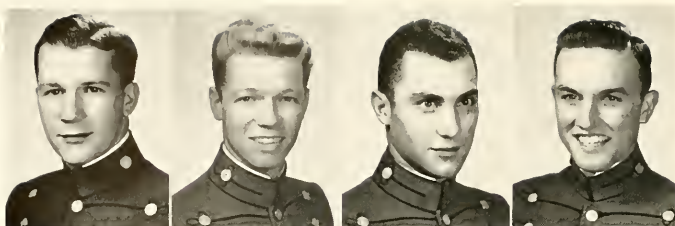
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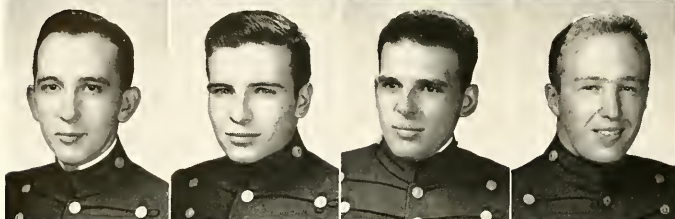


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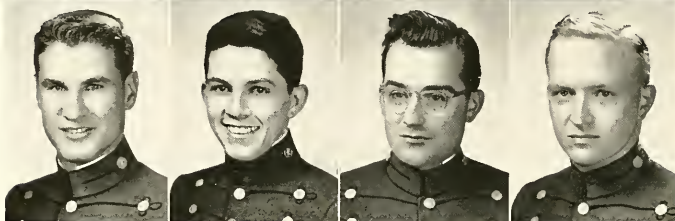


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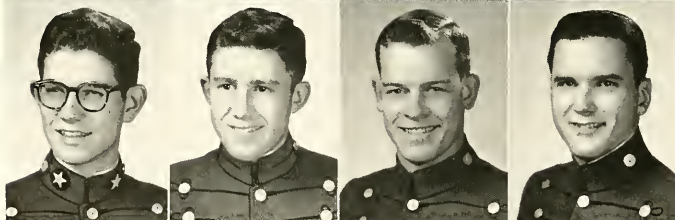


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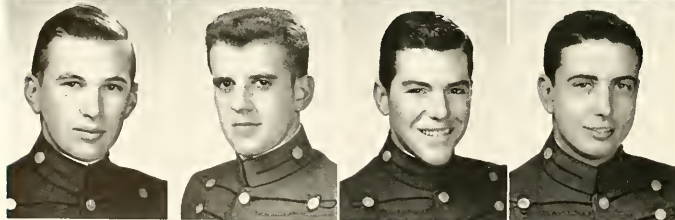


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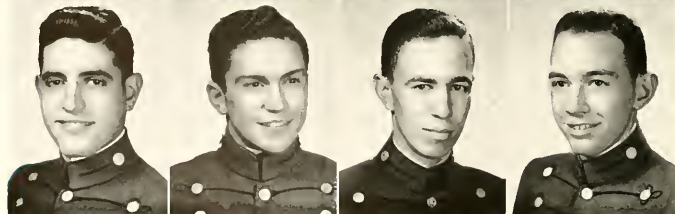


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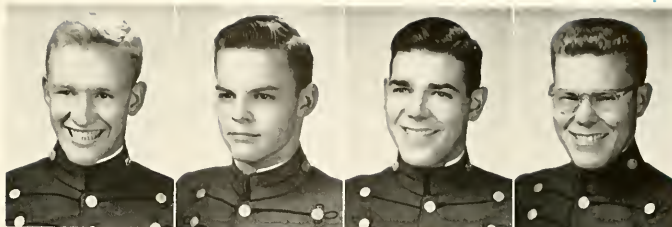
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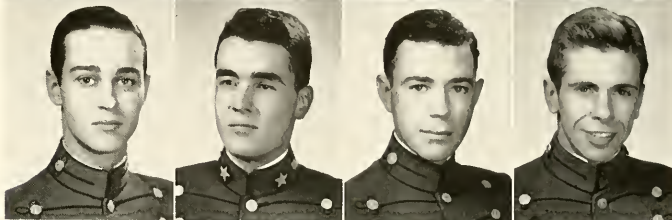


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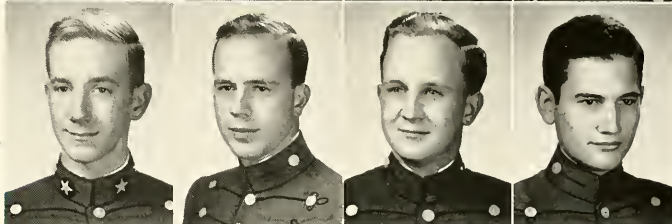


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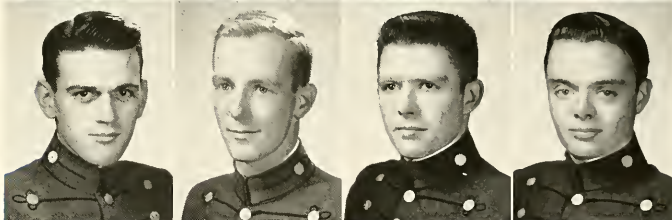


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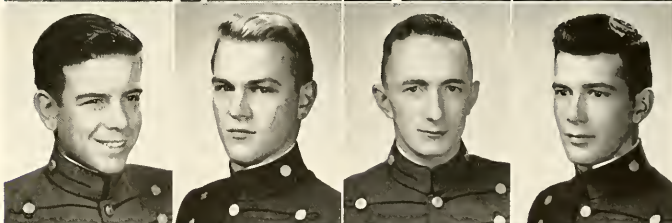


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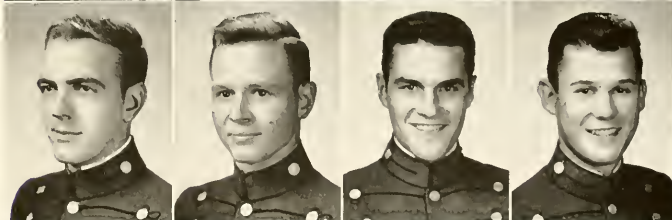


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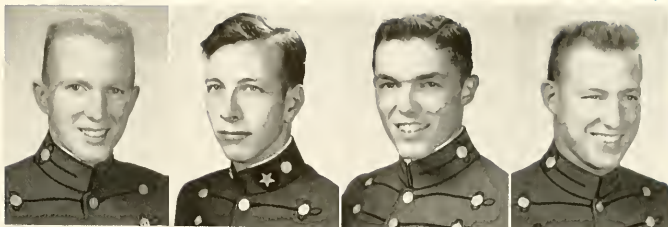
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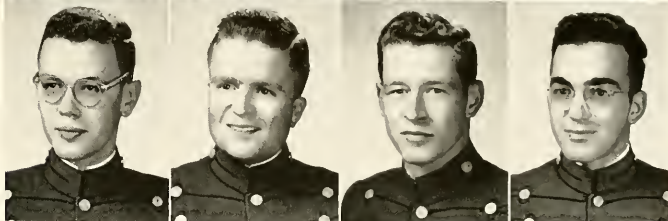


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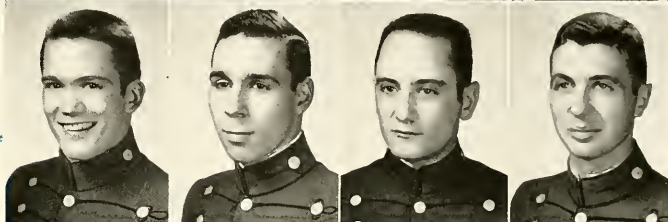


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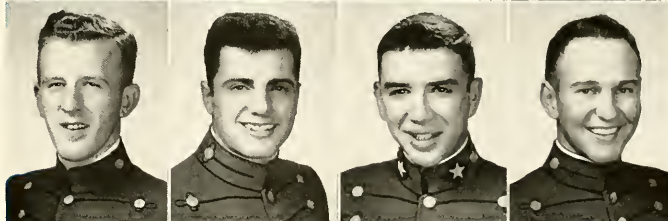


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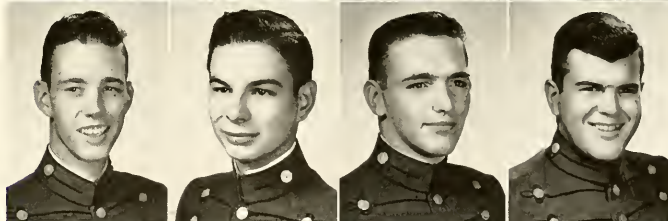


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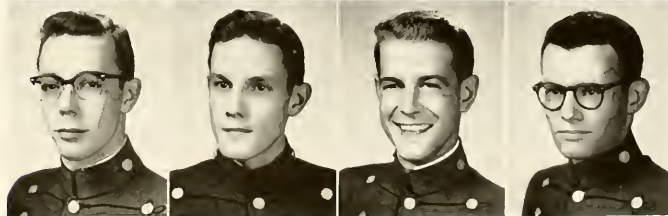


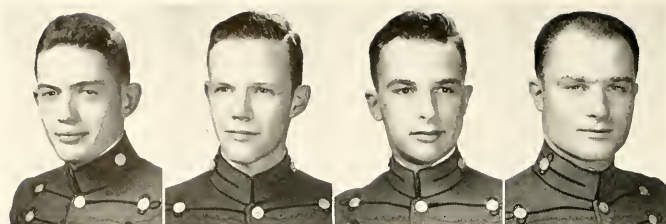
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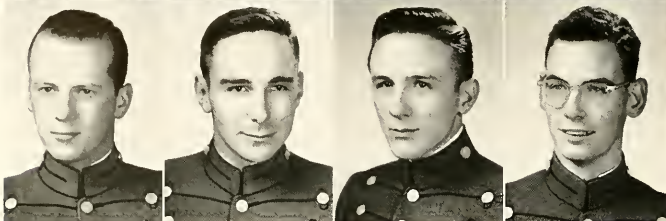


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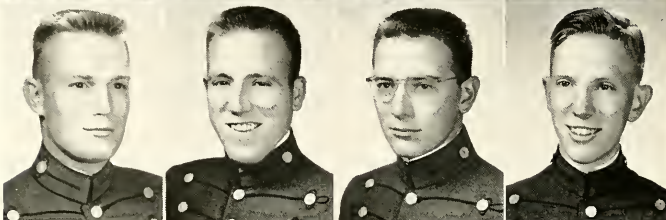


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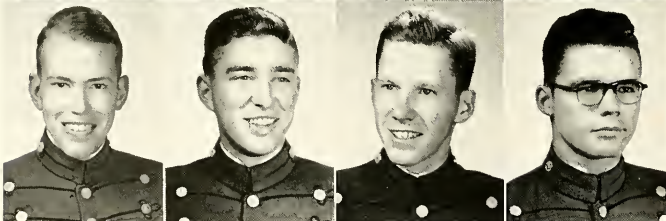


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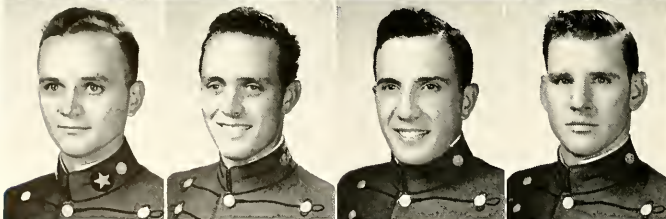


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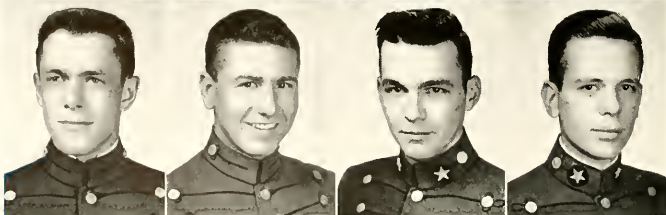


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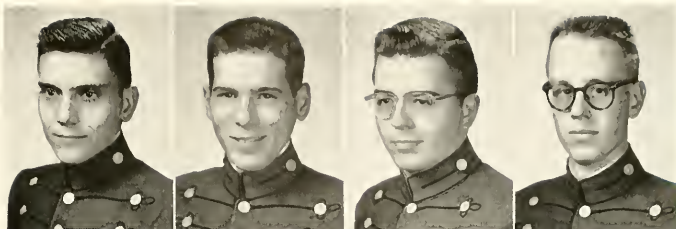


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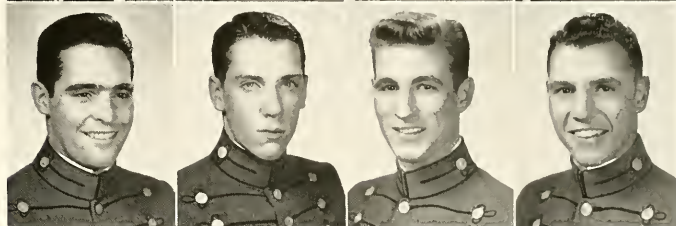


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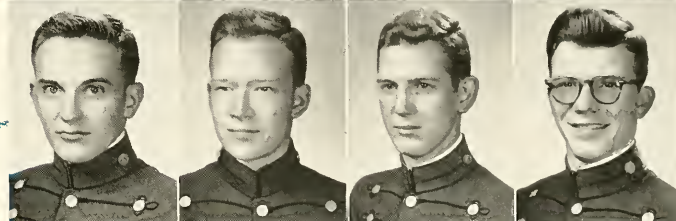


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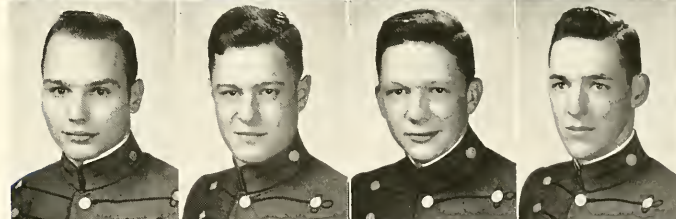


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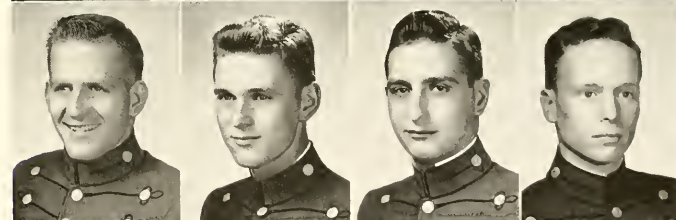


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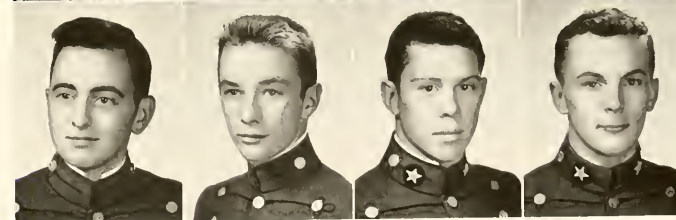


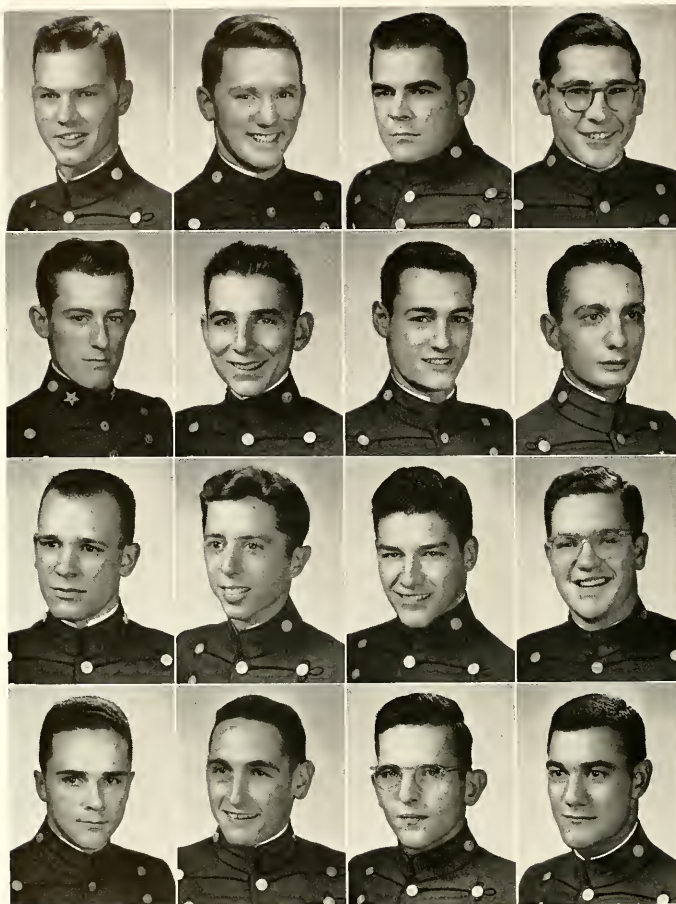
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"... his memory lingers on."

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '56

We came to the Virginia Military Institute, entered the arch, and walked down the rat line for the first time on September 3, 1952. Each of us had his own opinion of V. M. I., but this had been formed by alumni and anxious fathers and was soon to be changed during the following days of indoctrination.

The rat line and the military hit us as we were just out of high school, and many of us had never had any military training at all. We were confused by the calls of Bill and Tony, which threw us into an uproar as we rushed from one drill to another with "Butt right, butt left, by the right flank, by the left flank," ringing in our ears. It seemed as if the cadre would never let us alone for a minute as we strained, drilled, and learned the things a rat should know.

~~In the following weeks we slowly picked up the rat line and learned the pertinent information that the upper classmen valued so highly. The first "resurrection" came early in these weeks, and a few of us decided to leave, but the majority of the class made up their minds to stay until the last. About the only thing we had to look forward to in the near future was the traditional clash with the Gobblers on Thanksgiving Day. This will be a day long remembered by our class for the next morning the flags were at half mast in memoriam to our brother rat, Alex White, who was killed in an unfortunate accident returning from the game.~~

May the fifteenth found us as the Class of '56 with Jim Bravner, Jim Foster, and Tom Massie to lead us through the coming year. It seemed only a short stretch to last exam period and plans were made for the class party and picnic at finals, which were the first class functions. Finals were more than any of us anticipated, and we parted for summer vacation with memories of the last night of our rat year at V. M. I.

The beginning of our third class year found most of our Brother Rats back at V. M. I. ready to accept the duty of administering the rat line to the new cadets. We found life entirely different from that we had been through the year before, and by the Institute, the rats, and the hard third class studies our time was consumed. The rats were the big job, but we finally administered the rat line satisfactorily, and found time to plan the class party at the Thanksgiving dances. After the dances we found ourselves on the other end of the resurrections, and the rats for the first time felt the full force of our class, which had been so long held in check. After the resurrection Christmas furlough came and we left for home.

On our return from Christmas furlough we found a hard academic schedule facing us, and only a few weeks before exams. The Inaugural Parade in Richmond helped break the monotony of studies. After exams we once more drove the rats over the stoops and administered the rat line in the traditional way. We stayed united during these days and carried out our obligations to enforce the rat line.

Looking ahead to our Ring Figure Dance we organized the committee, which was headed by Pete Jenette, to design our class ring. Many hours were spent on this ring, but we finally reached a decision and elected a design that interpreted the V. M. I. traditions and codes. After the committee had arrived at a ring design, we set up the Ring Figure Committee, which began plans for the dance itself. Before the class left for Easter furlough we elected Bill Mears, Frank Wiggins, and Charlie Schoen as our important Honor Court representatives.

The time between our arrival from Easter furlough and Finals passed quickly and we found ourselves in the final company room again, but this time we were throwing the eager rats back as they tried to reach the stoop where they would no longer be rats but fourth classmen.

Exams and finals brought to a close our third class year, and we left for home as second classmen with the memories of the past year and expectations of our Ring Figure next November.

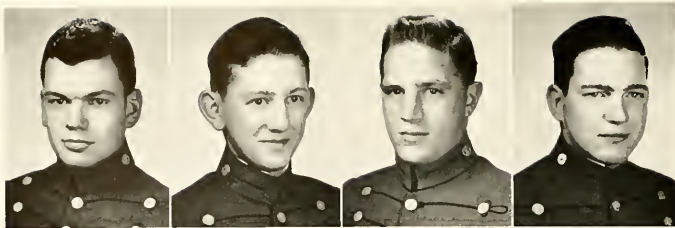


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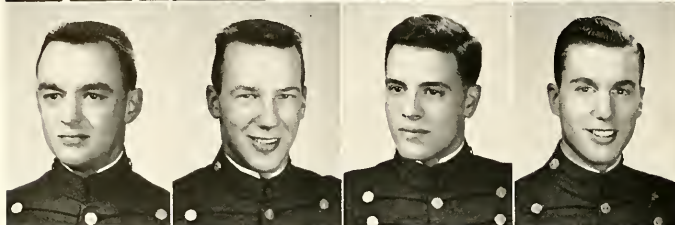


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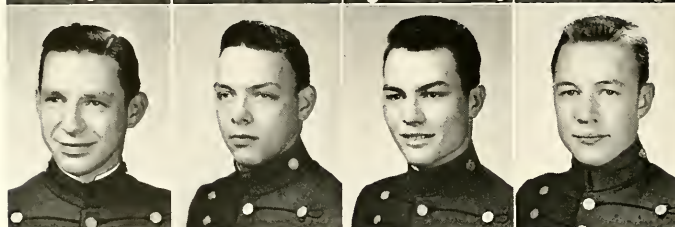


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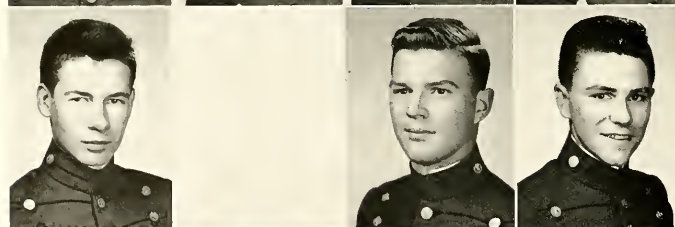


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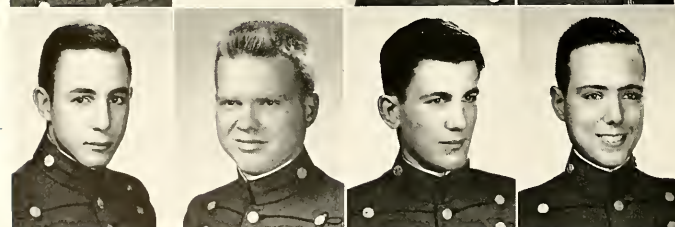
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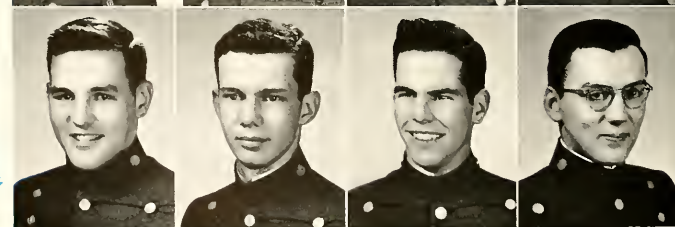


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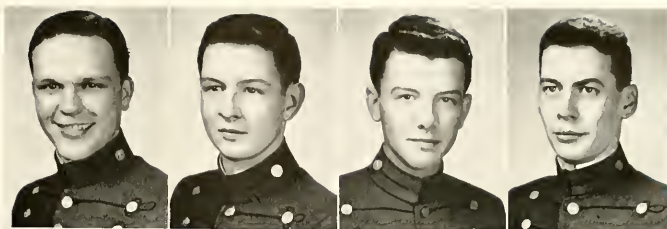
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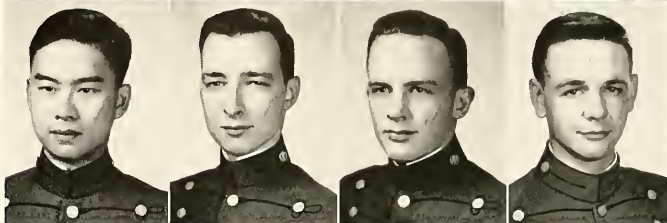


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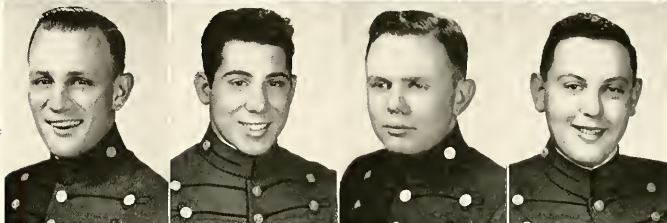


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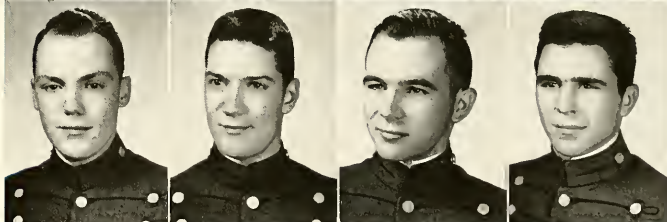


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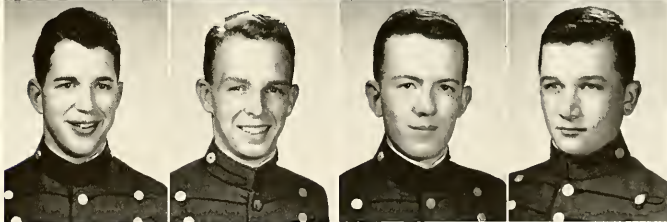


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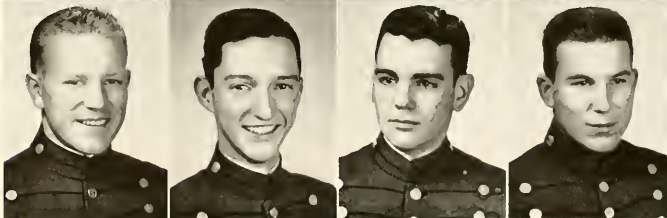


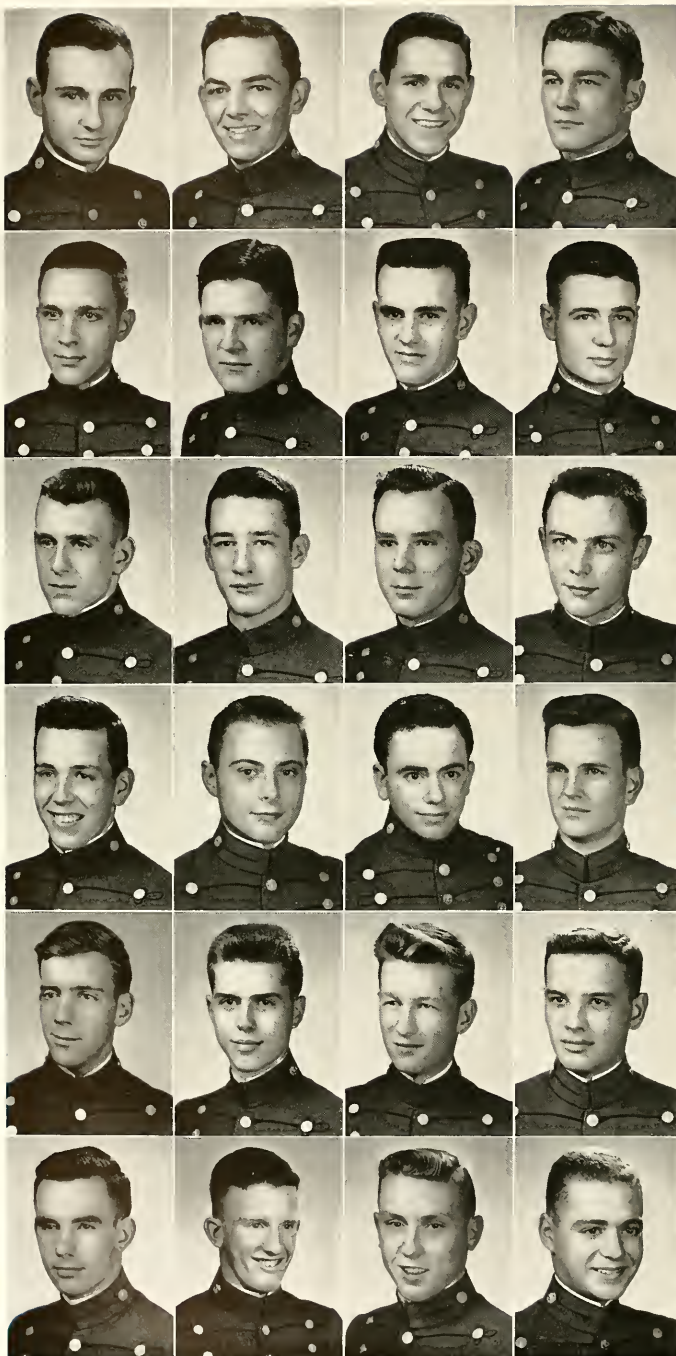
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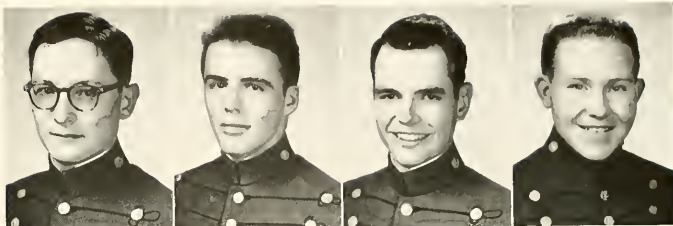
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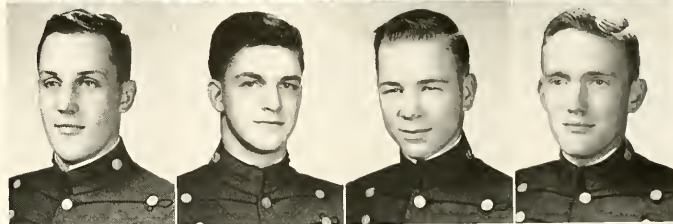


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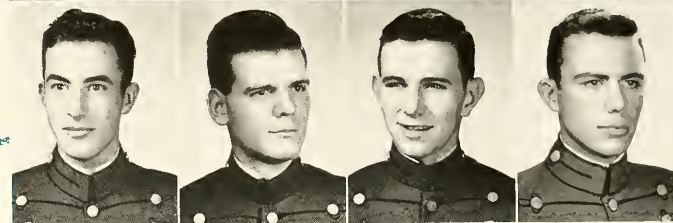


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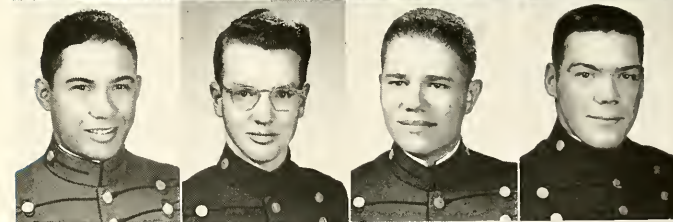


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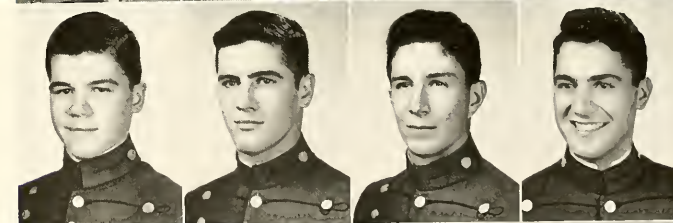


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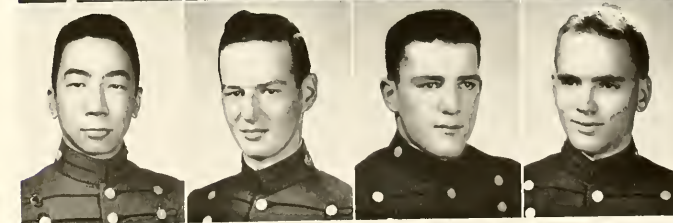


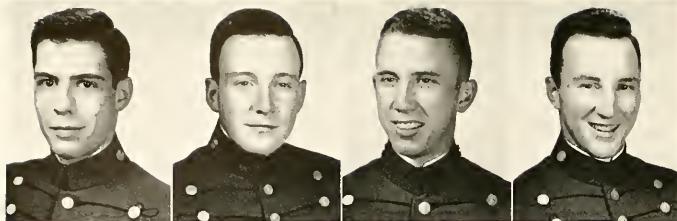
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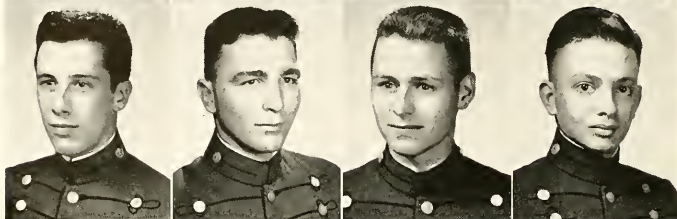


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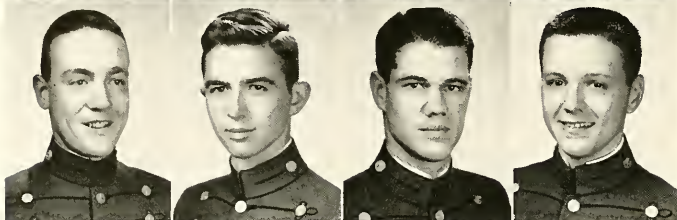


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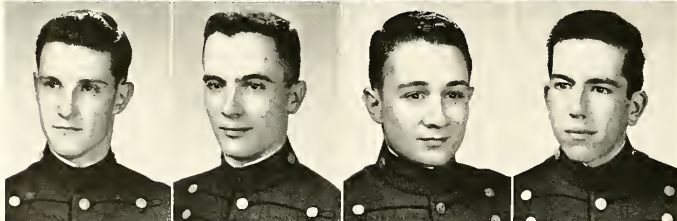


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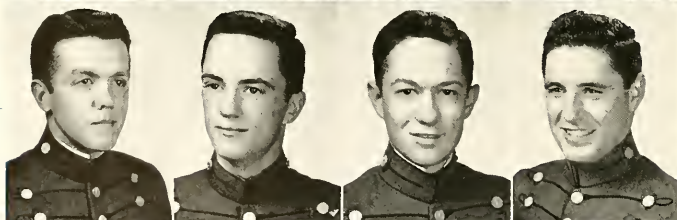


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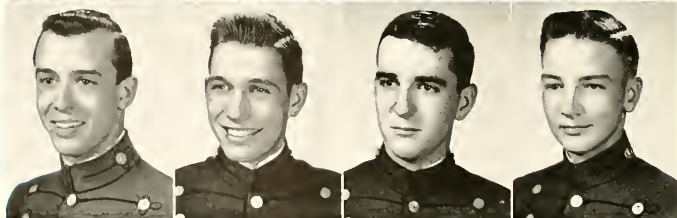


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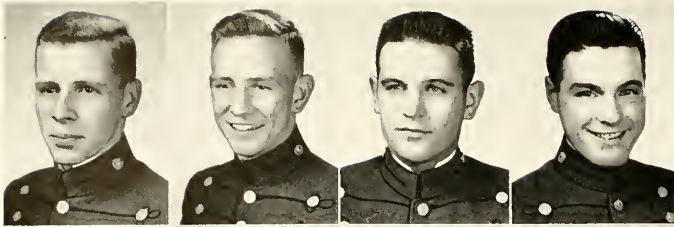
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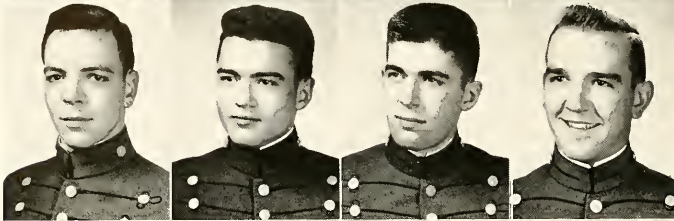


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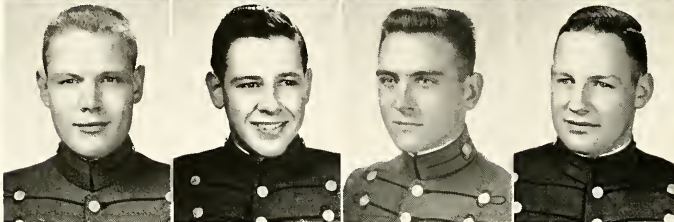


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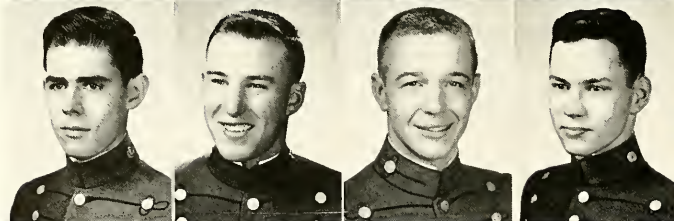


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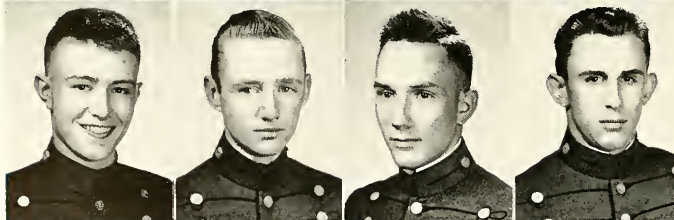


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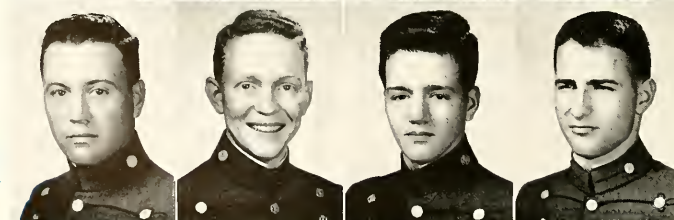


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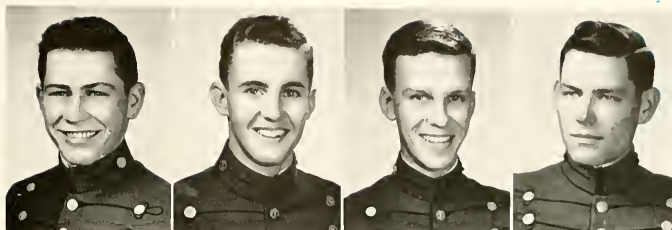


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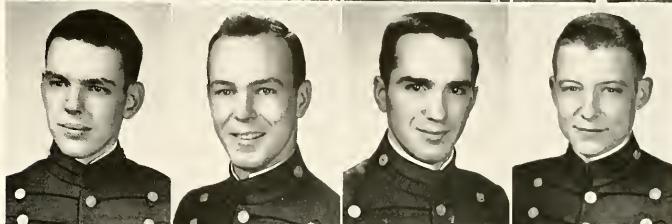


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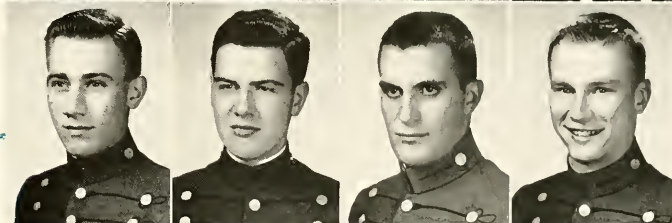


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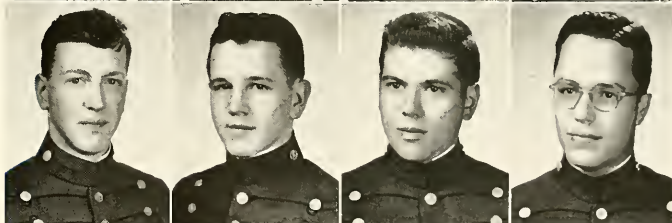


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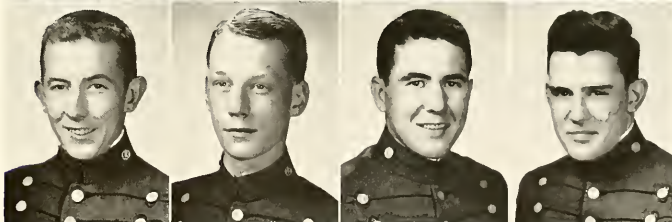


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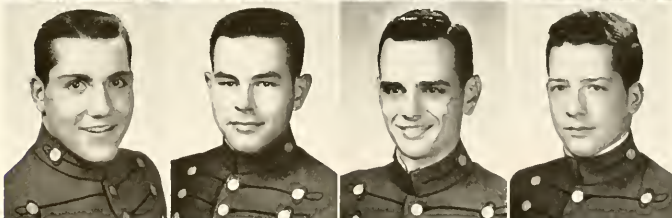


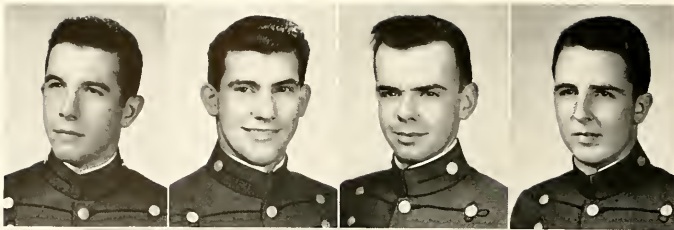
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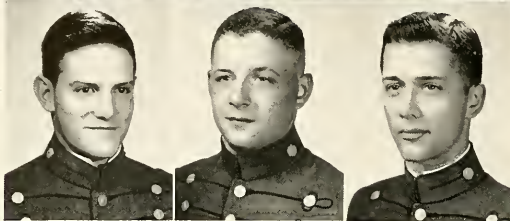


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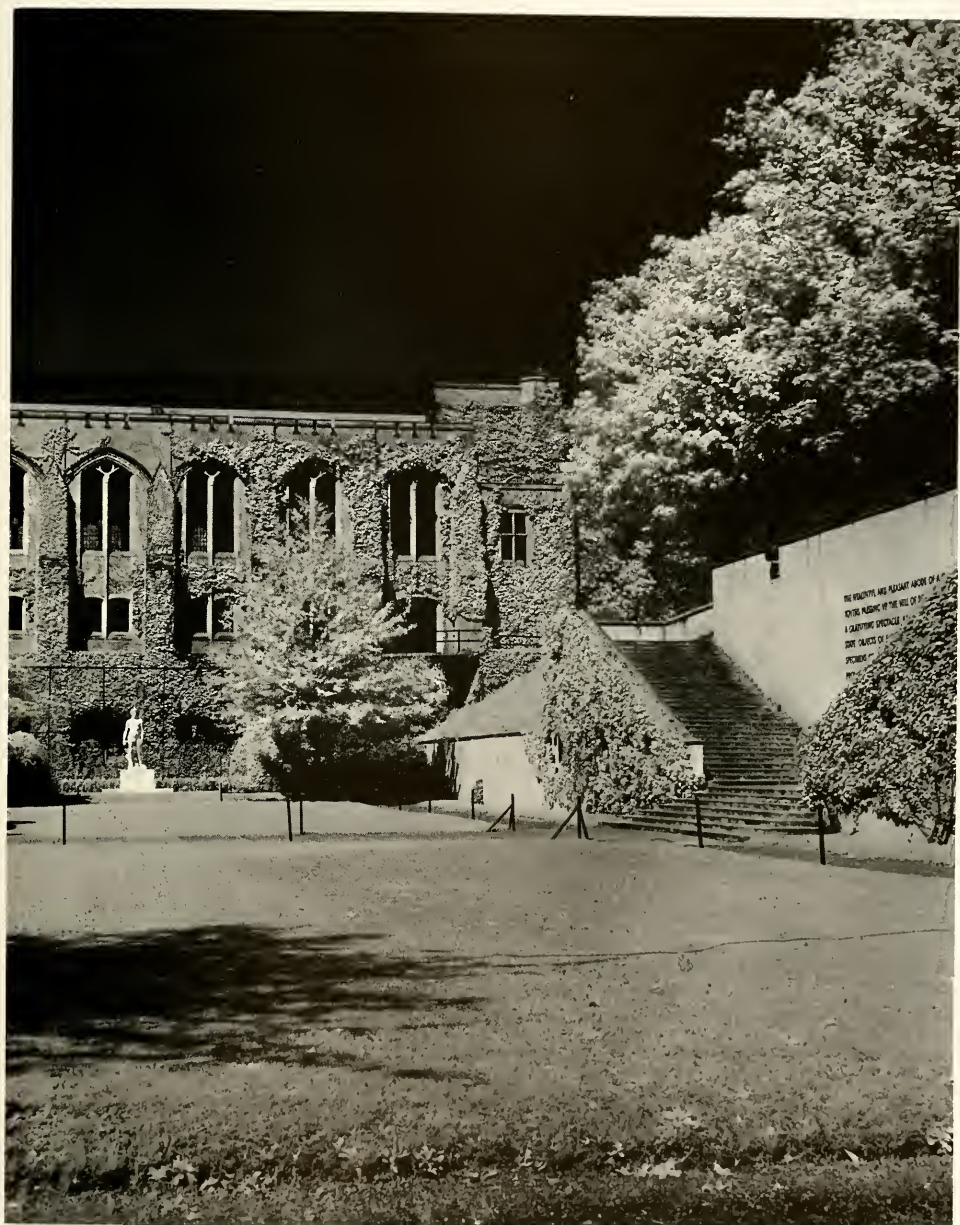


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HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '57

September 9 found 285 young men getting their first glimpse of the grey walls of the Virginia Military Institute and what was in store for them for the next nine months. In that nine months we young men would be molded into a fraternity of "Brother Rats" known as the Class of 1957, which will endure long because of the hardships and tribulations it has faced together.

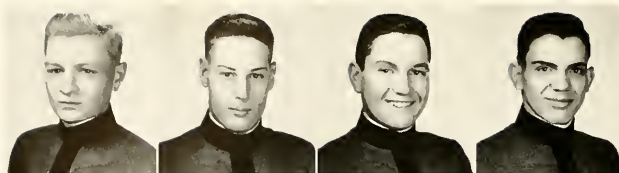
There was much to learn in a little time and the days were bewildering. With the help of the cadre, however, we soon began to get the idea, so that with the coming of classes and the old cadets our life became a routine that was to become second nature to most of us. The football season came and its torch light parades and cheer rallies brought a pleasant change. The team had a very successful season and we were let out of the rat line following victories over Catawba and the "Wahoos". The season ended with the Keydets meeting V. P. I. as always on "Turkey Day". We returned from Roanoke victorious to find that we were out of the rat line once more and that Colonel Pancake was to walk penalty tours for us on Saturday. Thanksgiving week end was climaxed by the Ring Figure Hops, which saw many of us looking to the time when we too would be second classmen.

Baracks life for a rat once again settled down to the familiar routine of "chin in, misto", "what's for dinner, rat", drill, parade, MEI, and SMI, until the Corps was dismissed for Christmas on December 19. It was a mighty sad group of rats who returned to barracks on January 3 with nothing to look forward to but more of the rat line and exams. Our first exams at the Institute were quite a shock, but we were soon through them and started on the last leg of the journey through our rat year.

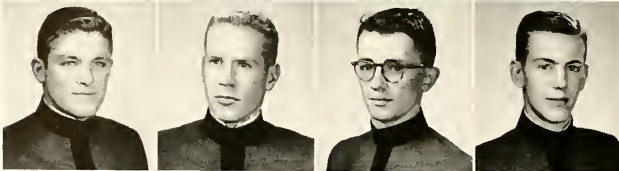
We all enjoyed Midwinter Hops, which gave us a chance to relax after exams. These were followed by the long wait for Easter which brought more resurrections and our first step off. The basketball season ended, baseball began, and we soon found ourselves leaving for spring furlough. It was a short ten days, but our return was not so bitter this time for the end of the rat line was in sight. "Bloody Sunday" and May 15 passed in a seemingly short time and the Class of '57 finally became a reality. There was not much for rejoicing, however, for exams were upon us once again. At last the time for celebrating the completion of our first year at V. M. I. had arrived; Finals were here! After a mad round of drills, parades, and hops, which left us all a little tired but very happy, Finals were over. As the Corps fell in on the parade ground for the long awaited reading of makeovers, there was much anxiety in our hearts for it was then that we found out which of our number had been chosen to help lead the Corps the next year. Immediately after this the Corps was dismissed for summer furlough. We had finished our ordeal in the rat line and thus looked to the time when we would return to take our place in the Corps and to help teach the customs and traditions of V. M. I. to the next class. It would be our duty to keep up the standards of the Corps and the Institute and to preserve our newly gained privileges as well as those that would be ours in the years to come.



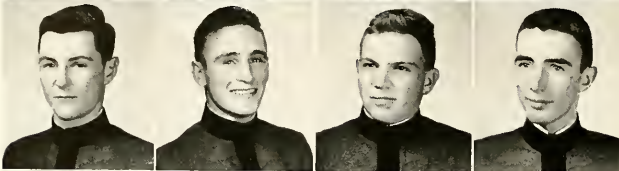
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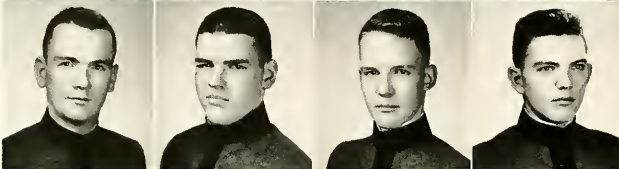
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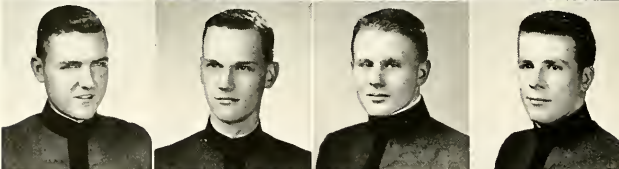
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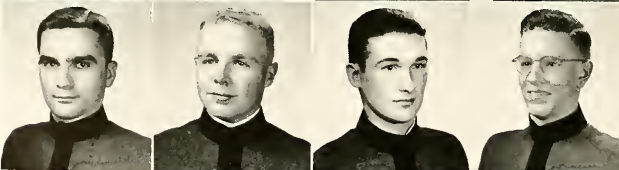
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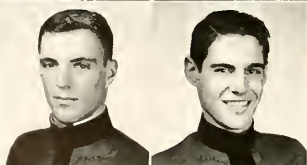
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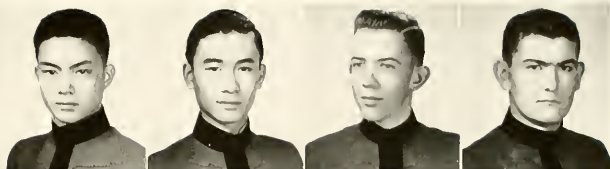
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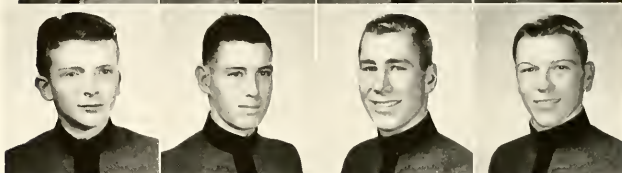
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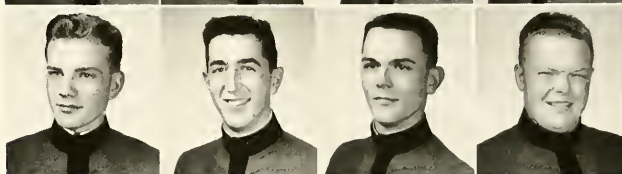
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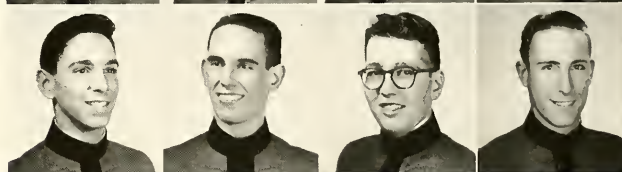
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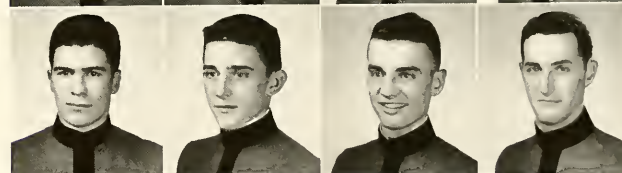
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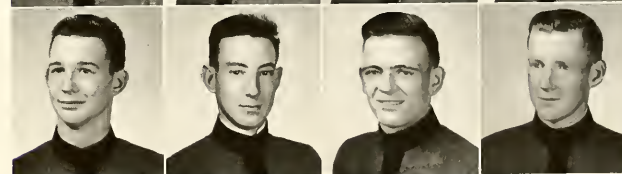
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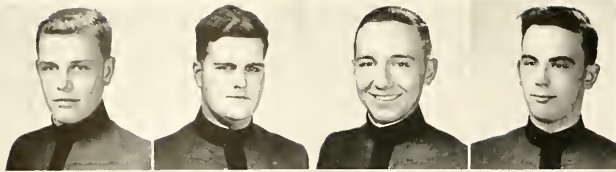


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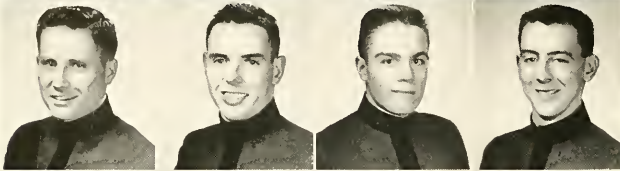




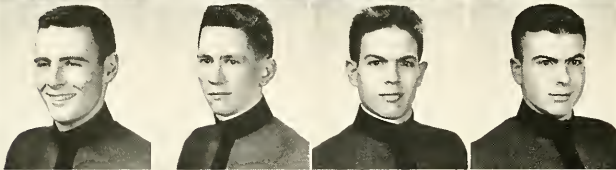
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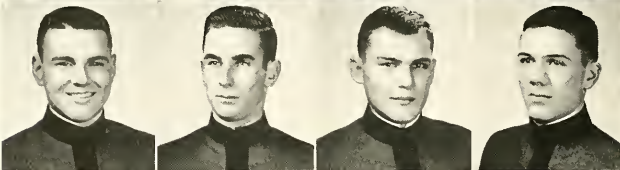
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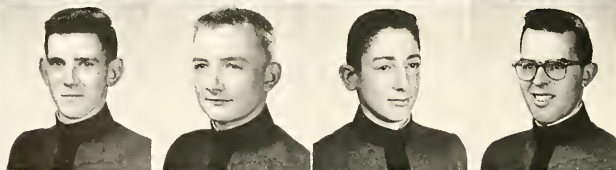
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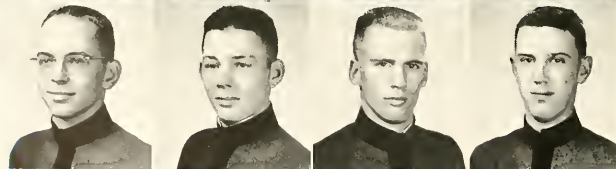
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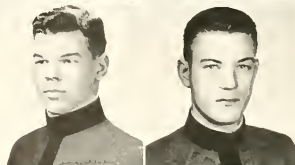
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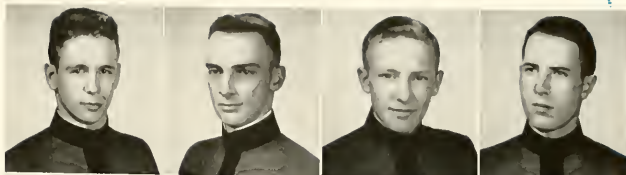
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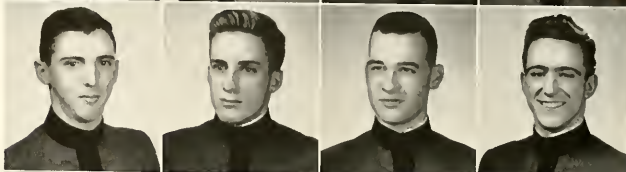
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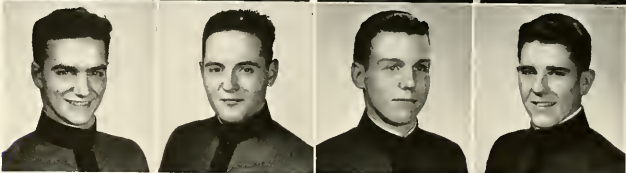
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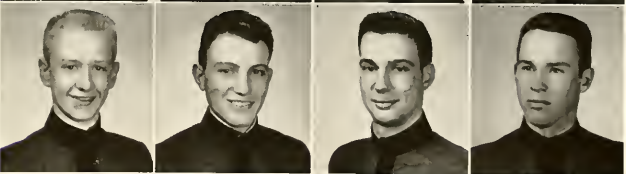
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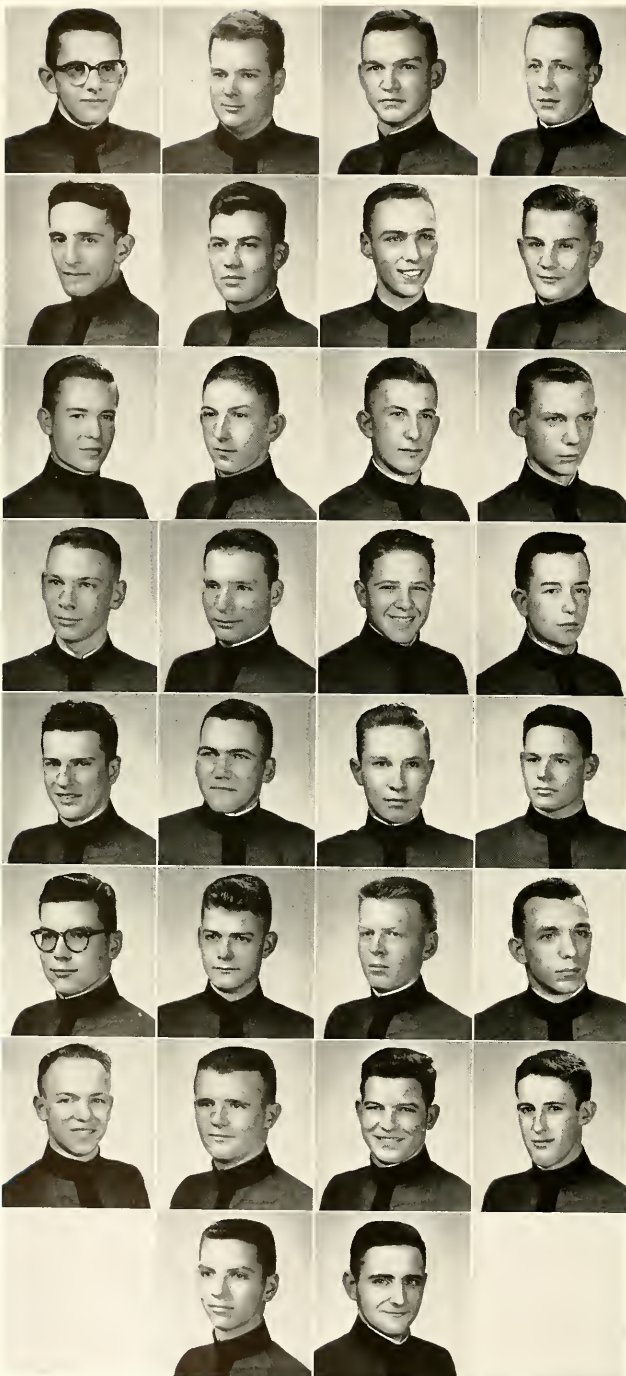


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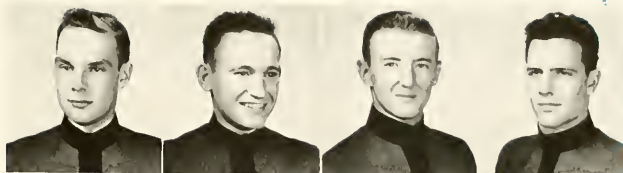
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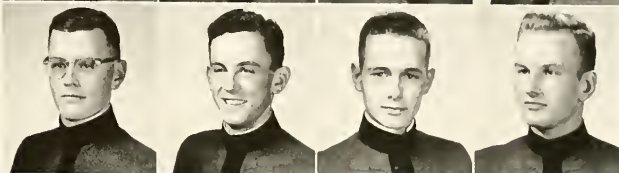
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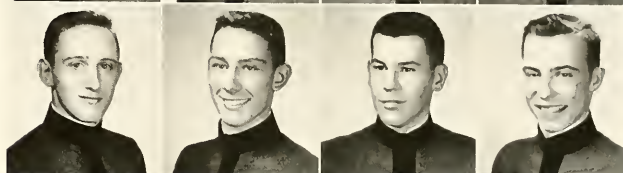
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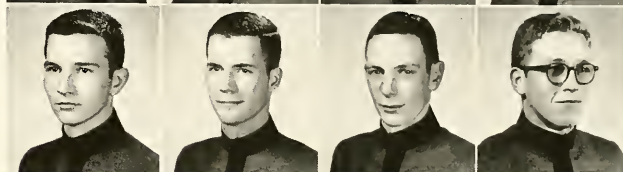
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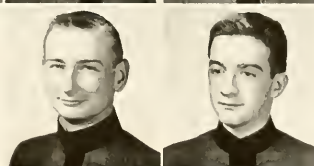
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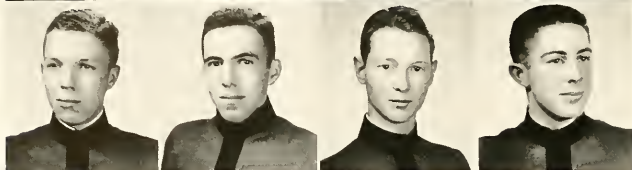


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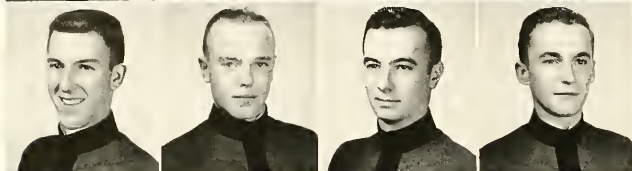




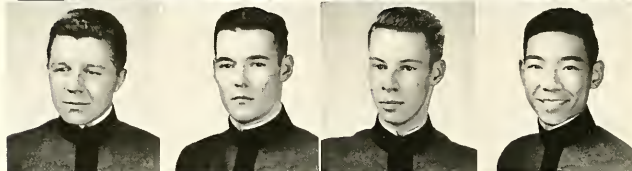
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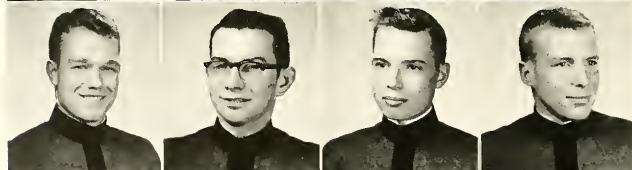
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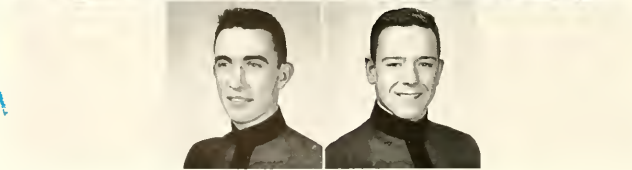
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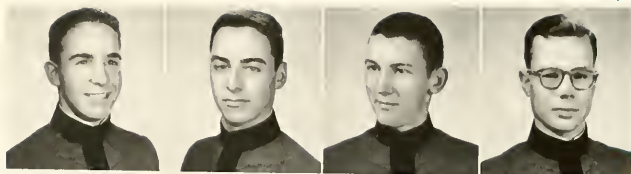
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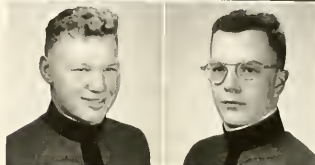
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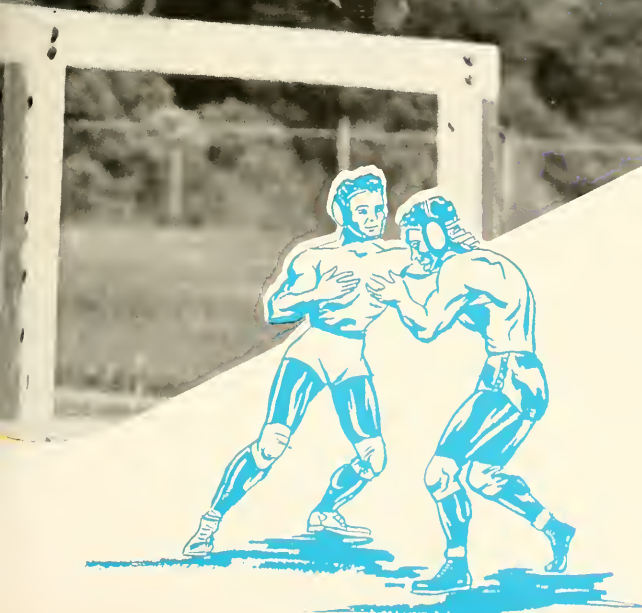


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Athletics







COLONEL ECHOLS

In January Colonel Robert Echols succeeded the retired Weir Goodwin as V. M. I.'s graduate manager of athletics. At his new post Colonel Echols is responsible for all actions of the athletic department including scheduling of contests and handling of the funds. Directly responsible to the superintendent, the graduate manager aids General Milton in all business matters as well as those concerning the athletic department.

Colonel Echols, as head of the department that has expressed its aim to supply a representative athletic program, plans to expand this representation to as many new sports as possible. A plan has been devised, and in a period of several years it is expected that V. M. I. will participate in many more sports.

Colonel Echols attended V. M. I. for two years and two more years were spent at West Point. His first assignment in the Army was the Hawaiian Islands. In 1926 he was appointed assistant commandant at V. M. I. and remained until 1930, when

he was transferred to West Point, where he taught math and did public relations work for several years.

Colonel Echols was in Europe during the last war and was sent to Japan in 1946 to become Chief of Public Relations of Far East Commands. In 1951 he was sent to Ft. Sill to become Superintendent of Instructors at the Artillery school. He retired from the Army in 1953.

In his first year at V. M. I. the changes and improvements that have been executed under his leadership have been numerous. The results of his efforts are shown on the sports page of any Virginia newspaper where one can find the outstanding record that V. M. I. teams have posted this year. His interest in all those that come to him for help has done much to further the athletic program. With his enthusiasm and under his guidance, the athletic department stands to benefit much, and we are certain that the pace which has been set this year will continue.

THE ATHLETIC POLICY

The athletic policy at V. M. I. is governed by the Athletic Council, which is composed of alumni, faculty and cadet representatives.

Athletics are developed with the objective that a well balanced program constitutes an important part of the educational process. It is through the practical and wise decisions made by this group that such sports with wide participation by cadets are made possible.

Few people realize the burden the council is subjected to in keeping the budget out of the red and keeping V. M. I. in intercollegiate competition.

In the future, it is the aim of the council to gain such a financial backing that the athletic association can operate with ease and meet many of the new ideas introduced by the Cadet Corps.



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Tom Joynes
Herb Patchin

Bill, Herb and Tom

Amid all the shouts and cheers which the athletic teams at V. M. I. so richly deserve, little is ever mentioned about the men who contribute so much to the over-all athletic situation. We speak of men such as Herb Patchin, Bill Roberts, and Tom Joynes who have devoted so much of their valuable time to the advancement and betterment of inter-collegiate sports here at V. M. I. Little is actually known by the majority of people pertaining to the numerous and complex problems which these three gentlemen have had to cope with. These men perform their respective jobs because they enjoy working with the boys, for the most part, rather than any personal gains which they might derive.

Herb Patchin's official title is Director of Physical Education. However, this man who is so beloved by many of the cadets who have come into contact with him, performs duties which extend far beyond his official capacity. Very seldom is there an athletic contest of any type here at which you will not see Herb on the spot in case of any injuries to the players. It is in this capacity as trainer, friend, and counselor to the boys that Herb has rendered his greatest service. This man will linger forever in the memories of all of us.

Likewise, in retrospect, we see that Bill Roberts has also contributed vastly to sports at V. M. I. As everyone well knows, many of our finest and most illustrious athletes have made the grade via the intramural route. Bill is the energetic man who is behind all the intramurals and were it not for his tireless efforts the program would not afford cadets the numerous advantages for wide participation in all sports.

Finally, athletics could hardly thrive without a wide range of publicity and it is in this capacity that Tom Joynes has been such a valuable asset to V. M. I. Athletics. Tom could perhaps be called the workhorse of the entire athletic department as it is he who sometimes is called on to perform six functions at one time. He can be seen rushing from one athletic event to another in order that he may be able to obtain the results and get them on the telegraph wires. Besides this endless job, Tom has the thankless task of writing previews and summaries of all the various sports. Incidentally, he does an extremely commendable job whenever he is called on, and he still has time for a jovial word for the boys who are so fond of him.



Coach Campbell
Coach Cornack

Coach McKenna

Coach Gupton
Coach Noe

Under the leadership of these five coaches V. M. I. has had the most successful year in the athletic history of the Institute. In the fall Coach McKenna led his charges to win the Big Six Football title with a team that was pre-slated to win no more than two or three games. It has been a long time since a V. M. I. football team has beaten the Wahoos, the Hoakies, and William and Mary all in the same season. Coach Oscar Gupton did a terrific job in directing the wrestling team to the Big Six Championship and third in the Southern Conference. The Grapplers did the phenomenal feat of winning all dual matches in the Big Six, the Southern Conference, and the newly formed Atlantic Coast Conference. The swimming team kept up the winning ways by copping the Big Six Title and then literally running off with the Southern Conference Championship. Under the able guidance of Coach Billy Campbell the tankers finished the season with six wins and one loss. To a V. M. I. man the work of Coach Chuck Noe has been an impossible undertaking. In two years Coach Noe has brought the basketball team and the baseball team from last place teams to hot contenders in the Conference. Both teams have finished their seasons with very impressive records. The work of Coach Walt Cornack has probably brought more praise to V. M. I. in the athletic than any other single person connected with V. M. I. athletics. His '53 and '54 teams compiled records that will take many years to surpass. His Cross-Country team won the Big Six and came in second in the Southern Conference. Both the indoor and outdoor track teams ran off with the Big Six and Southern Conference Championships, as well as going undefeated in dual competition. The indoor team made history in winning the non-conference division at the annual Indoor Games at Chapel Hill, beating such teams as Navy, Florida, Georgia Tech, Georgia and many other college powers. Enough praise cannot be given to the fine work of Coach Walt Cornack. Coach Clark King is due a great deal of credit for his able assistant coaching in football, basketball and track. He has been a fine influence and has done a great job during his tenure at V. M. I.



A YEAR FOR THE BOOKS

The year 1953-54 will in all probability go down in history as a banner year for athletic teams, and as the beginning of a new era in sports at V. M. I. There can never be enough said about the magnificent records which have been compiled by everyone of the respective teams here at the Institute. Most of the credit for these marvelous accomplishments must quite naturally go to the many spirited boys who have devoted their time and energy with great enthusiasm to the sports which are so dear to their hearts. Nevertheless, the efforts put forth by the entire athletic department and by everyone here at the Institute connected with athletics cannot be overlooked.

V. M. I. teams heaped immense honors on themselves, as well as on the Institute, by finishing their respective schedules with records which were far above average. All of this is especially creditable when one takes into consideration the size of V. M. I., the lack of practice time, and the numerous other factors which are a severe detriment to any full scale athletic program. Despite these obvious drawbacks, the driving spirit and determination which has proven such an integral part of a V. M. I. cadet, has been exceedingly prevalent and apparent in every man who donned the Big Red uniform this year.

The Cross-Country team presented a preview of what V. M. I. fans were to expect when they waltzed off with the Big Six Championship and placed a strong second in the Southern Conference Meet. Led by Ben Angle, and Captained by Bill Whitehurst, the thinclads got the school year off to an excellent start under the able guidance of Walt Cormack. However, the 1953 edition of the Big Red football team offered possibly the greatest thrills and surprise of the year by capturing the State Championship. This was the first such honor in many years for a V. M. I. football team and it was also spectacular in that the Keydets defeated Virginia, William and Mary, and V. P. I. in a single season. Coached by John McKenna and led by a whole host of stars such as Johnny Mapp and George Ramer, this football team will go down in V. M. I. annals as a group of boys who displayed much determined ambition and drive.

The basketball team, although winning no championships, compiled their best record in years and they participated in the Southern Conference Tournament. Led by Karl Klinar and Bill Ralph, under the leadership of Coach Chuck Noc, this may well have been the team which put basketball back on its feet at V. M. I. The wrestling team also experienced a banner year as they went undefeated in dual meets and placed a strong third in the Southern Conference Tourney. Such stalwarts as Jeff Robertson, Bill Berry,



Left to Right: John Knapp, John Mapp, Karl Klinar, John Peniston, Miles Nowitzky

and Miles Nowitzky sparked this mat team to the State Championship and helped make Oscar Gupton's Junior year as a coach a success.

The swimming team compiled perhaps the most enviable record this year as they literally glided to the State and Southern Conference Championships. Coached by Bill Campbell and ably led by such men as John Peniston, Jay Langhammer, George White, and Johnny Knapp, this team will always be able to be justly proud of the almost insurmountable record which they made. The indoor track season was an immense success also, as the thinclads garnered the State and Conference, plus the non-conference division of the ACC Tourney. Led by versatile Johnny Mapp and Ben Angle, the trackmen had little trouble in subduing all opposition this year. As this book goes to press the outdoor track team is also faring quite well and will be definite favorites to cop the laurels.

Finally, as the BOMB is being written, the baseball, tennis, and golf teams are doing very well and it looks as if all three of these teams will finish with excellent records, to round out a banner year for athletics at V. M. I. In summation, this book would hardly be complete without final mention of one man who has contributed so immensely to V. M. I. Athletics. This man, namely Johnny Mapp, has done far more than could ever be expected of any V. M. I. athlete.



BIG SIX CHAMPIONS





Front Row, Left to Right: Siler, Shay, Ralph, Co-Captain Ramer, Co-Captain Mapp, Drake, Kliner, Boxley. *Second Row:* Woolwine, Fencel, Carter, Lavery, Foley, Miller, Servidio, Brawner, Byrd. *Third Row:* Guy, Alex, Boxley, Collins, Westfall, Lyons, Foster, Cooper, Wainwright, Morgan. *Fourth Row:* Poss, Barker, Massie, Lazarus, Arrants, Snyder, Foster, Janshego, Dooley, Jones, Griffith. *Fifth Row:* Manager Addison, Assistant Trainer White, Assistant Trainer Sakakini, Assistant Coach Noe, Coach McKenna, Assistant Coach King, Manager Robertson, Assistant Manager Marsh, Assistant Manager Reynolds, Henry Johnson

VARSITY FOOTBALL

On Thanksgiving Day, 1953, the Virginia Military Institute defeated the favored Virginia Tech Gobblers, 28-13, in Roanoke's Victory Stadium to win the Big-6 football championship and bring down the curtain on one of the fightingest "Big Red" elevens ever assembled.

Prior to the start of the season, the Keydets, minus the services of their All-Conference signal-caller of the preceding year, Bill Brehany, plus Jim Byron, who, along with Brehany formed one of the deadliest aerial duos in the history of V. M. I., weren't picked by sportswriters to finish any higher than last in the State pigskin chase.

But, piloted by scholarly John McKenna, who was named to fill the shoes of the Florida State bound Tom Nugent, and spear-headed by possibly the greatest athlete in V. M. I.'s colorful history, Johnny Mapp, the Flying Squadron caused no small amount of eyebrow-lifting by compiling a creditable 5-5 record, including verdicts over the University of Virginia, William and Mary and V. P. I.

McKenna unveiled his charges and gave sports fans a glimpse of things to come on September 19, when the "Big Red", with Mapp scoring three TD's, swamped Catawba, 44-0. The contest was the first

night football game ever played in Lexington. The following week end, a Home-Coming Day crowd of some 5,000 watched the Keydets drop a close 14-13 decision to George Washington. Mapp tallied his fourth TD of the season to take a commanding lead in state scoring circles.

On October 3, before a Corps trip rooting section of six hundred cadets, the Red, White and Yellow, in what proved to be one of their worst games of the campaign, suffered a 13-7 reversal at the hands of a fired-up University of Richmond aggregation. A Spider pass that clicked late in the final quarter proved the clincher.

Journeying to Charleston, South Carolina, V. M. I. returned to the winning side of the ledger with a hard-fought 14-0 win over The Citadel. The game was marred by an injury to Dick Fencil; the second-string quarterback sustained a broken shoulder and was sidelined for the remainder of the session. Mapp, on a 52-yard gallop, scored TD number five.

In one of the highlights of the year, the Keydets traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia, to do battle with the hated Cavaliers of the University of Virginia. Trailing 6-0 going into the third stanza, the inspired Keydets scored three touchdowns in the final thirty



Bill Ralph, Karl Klinar, Dave Woolwine, Nick Servidio, George Ramer

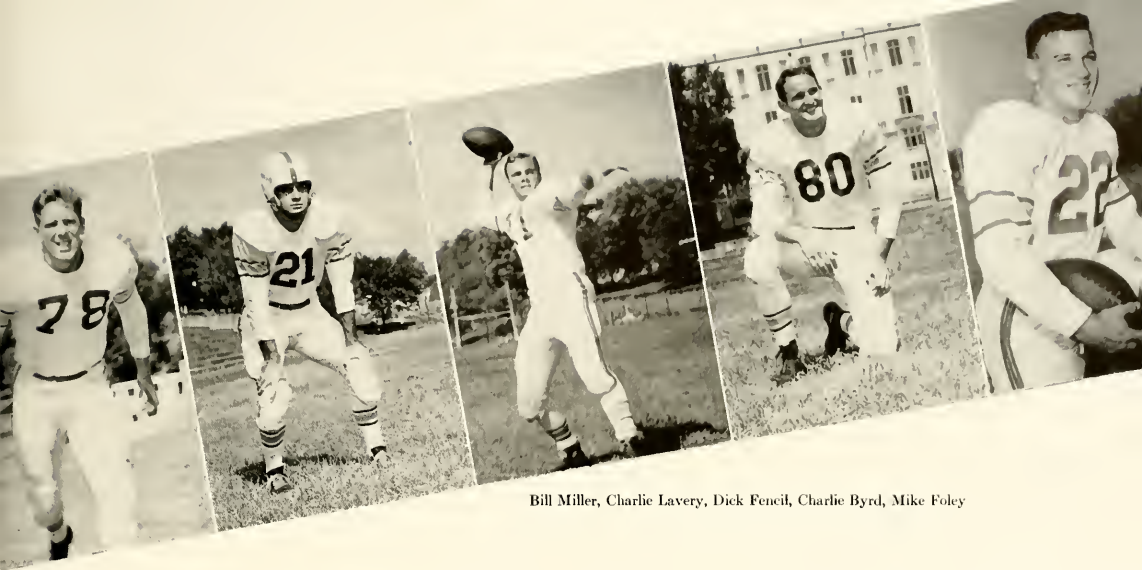
minutes to break a football strangle-hold the Cavaliers had held over the Institute forces for thirteen years. FINAL SCORE: V. M. I. 21, U. Va. 6. The "Norfolk Flyer" hit pay dirt twice to give him a five game total of 42 points. The final TD was tallied by Charlie Lavery on an off-tackle smash. The slippery half-back had set up the play with a twelve-yard jaunt.

The Keydets found the Sugar Bowl-bound West Virginia Mountaineers just a little too much to handle the next Saturday, and McKenna & Co. dropped a 56-20 verdict to the powerful Mounties.

October 31, on a humid Saturday evening, the Keydets suffered one of their most humiliating defeats of the season, a 12-7 loss to the Florida State Seminoles. The game, played in Tallahassee, Fla., had been marked by McKenna as one of the "must" games on the agenda. For it was this same Florida aggregation that had been taken over by V. M. I.'s erstwhile head football coach, Nugent. But the crafty "Nuge" proved that he can still get a team up for the big one, as the underrated Seminoles completely dominated the visitors from Lexington.



Jimbo Thornton, Joe Siler, Troy Carter, Johnny Mapp, Windy Shay

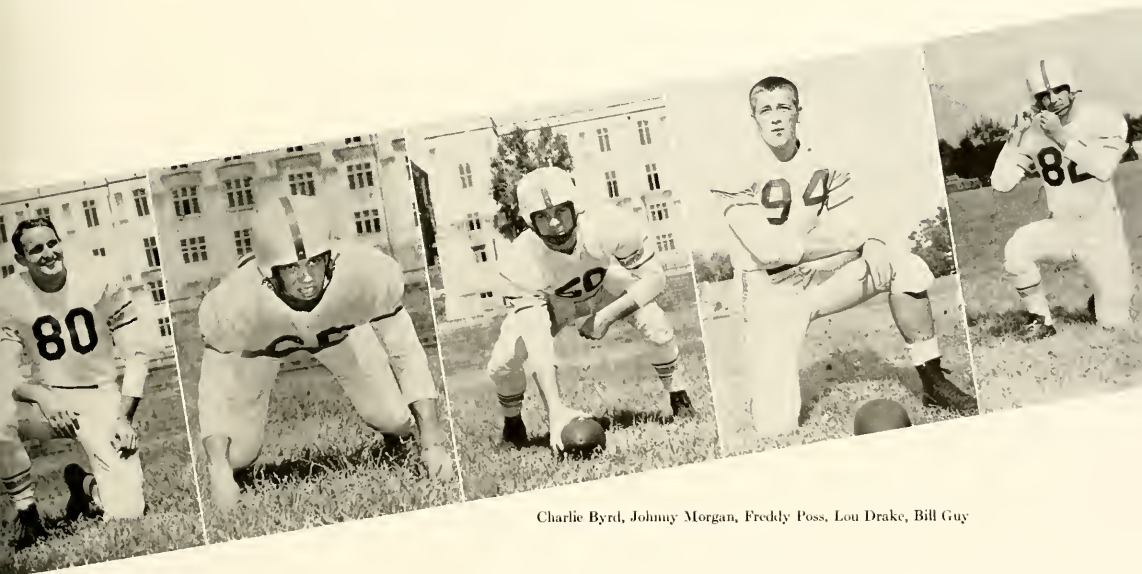


Bill Miller, Charlie Lavery, Dick Fencil, Charlie Byrd, Mike Foley

By way of proving their amazing rebounding faculties, the next Saturday, the Keydets traveled to Roanoke and, in one of the most exciting contests ever waged in the Star City, nipped the famed William and Mary "Iron Indians", 20-19. The lead changed hands three times during the hectic battle before a pass from Dave Woolwine to Mapp—a play that covered thirty yards—in the final fifty seconds of play ended the grim encounter with a V. M. I. victory. It was truly one of the most spectacular, pulsating finishes ever witnessed at a football game.

On November 14, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sid Gilman's terrible Ciney Bearcats administered the worst defeat in V. M. I. history. The final score was 67-0, and involves an afternoon mentioned in hushed tones at the Institute. Suffice it to say that the Keydets ventured a "little" out of their backyard and—class.

Then the stage was set for Turkey Day. V. M. I., two touchdown underdogs at game time, methodically and decisively beat into the Victory Stadium turf the vaunted V. P. I. Gobblers, and demonstrated ostensibly the meaning of the word "spirit."

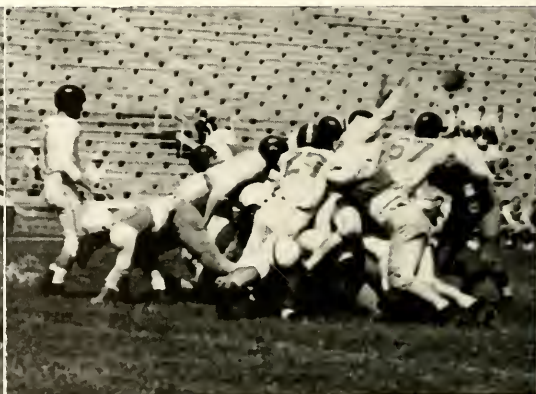


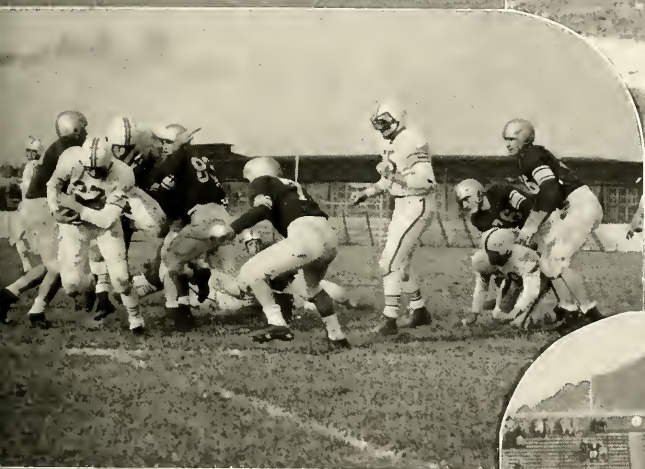
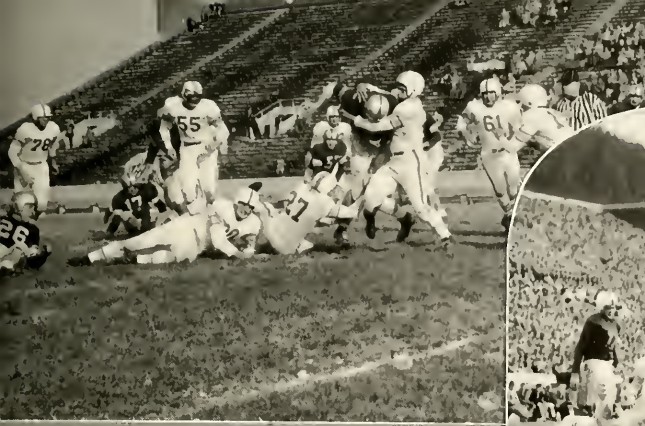
Charlie Byrd, Johnny Morgan, Freddy Poss, Lou Drake, Bill Guy

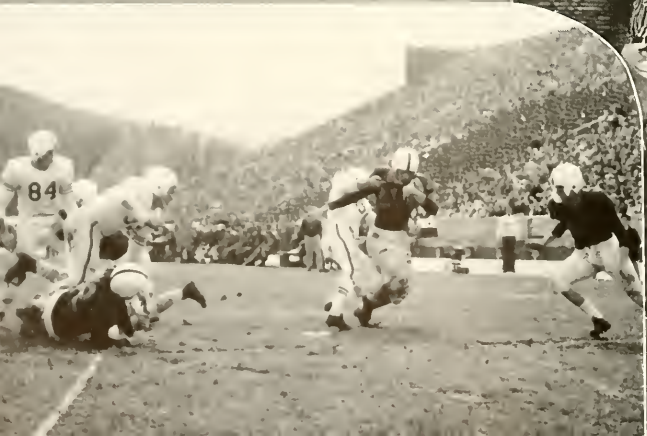
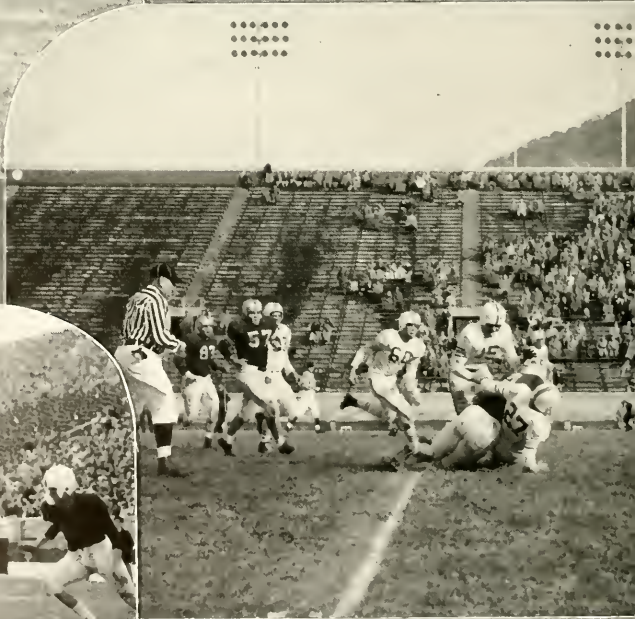
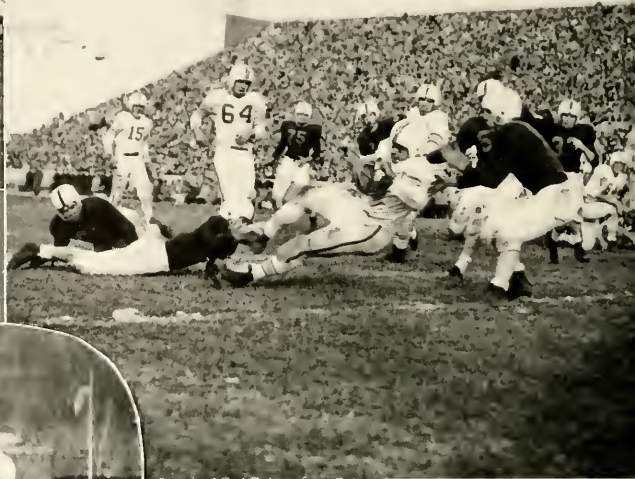


Johnny Mapp, the "Norfolk Flyer on his final flight," ended as he had begun, scoring three touchdowns. Mapp, third highest scorer in the nation with 72 points, was named All-State, All-Conference, All-Southern, and honorable mention All-American, and was unanimous choice for the Athlete of the Year award in the Old Dominion.

The V. P. I. game also brought to an end the football careers of Co-Captain George Ramer, V. M. I.'s great guard, Joe Siler, and equally stellar center, Karl Klinar. Bill Ralph and Bill Guy. The win over the rival "Hokies" blew "taps" on the glittering careers of these Saturday's heroes of the gridiron in this, their most glittering campaign.







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Front Row, Left to Right: Ferguson (Manager), Rader, Hunt, McLennon, LeBourdais, Ymirolek, Elmore, Ayers. Second Row: Gabb, Moody (Co-Captain), Williams, Smith, Newball, Glover, Turley (Co-Captain), Muldowney. Third Row: Newcomb, Arpert, Whittle, Quillen, Piggott, Hays, Dalton, Dean. Fourth Row: Galvin, Bolling, Poffenbarger, Hulcut, Armstrong, Munson, Kivlighan. Fifth Row: Pawley, Gay, Kyle, Susnar, Orwin, Elmore

RAT FOOTBALL

The 1953 edition of the Little Red, the V. M. I. Rat football team, was unable to crash the win column in five tries this year. Head Coach Sterling M. Hefflin and his two cadet assistants, Tommy Armstrong and Timmy O'Neil, were often hard-pressed to find a starting line-up from among their oft-injured charges. Cadets E. G. Ferguson and E. N. Osborne served as manager and assistant manager, respectively, for the squad.

The first game saw a fighting Keydet eleven edged out by Greenbrier Military Academy by the slim margin of 13-6. The Rats took an early 6-0 lead on a pass interception by quarterback Jim Farris but they weren't able to hold it. Two second half scores iced the win for the green-clad visitors.

In the season's second contest a heavier, more experienced Bullis Prep squad ground the Baby Keydets under to the tune of 26-14. Joe Moody and Mike Kivlighan accounted for the two V. M. I. tallies and Farris added the points as the game Little Red eleven dropped their second contest.

The William and Mary freshmen rammed across two fourth quarter scores to outlast the injury-riddled Rats 14-0 at Williamsburg. The game was marked by fine defensive play by both clubs but a lack of reserves hampered the Keydets during the latter stages of the game.

A talented University of Virginia freshman team thundered to a 47-0 win over V. M. I. in handing the Baby Keydets their fourth consecutive licking. Bad breaks and injuries accounted for some of the Cavayearling scores but generally it was a case of too much and too many for the outmanned Little Red.

After holding a good V. P. I. club to a 7-0 halftime lead, the Baby Reds succumbed to the weight of numbers in the traditional V. M. I.-V. P. I. freshman fray. The absence of a host of injured players hampered the V. M. I. cause while the Gobblers roared to a 34-0 win.

Despite the winless record of this year's team, Coach John McKenna is counting on several of the boys to strengthen next year's varsity club.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
TOURNAMENT





First Row, Left to Right: Foley, Walter, Fencel, Captain Klinar, Nyman, McKemie, Snyder. Second Row: Coach Noe, Colwell, Mundy, Ralph, Tait, Byrd, McDowell, Wentz, Manager Fuller

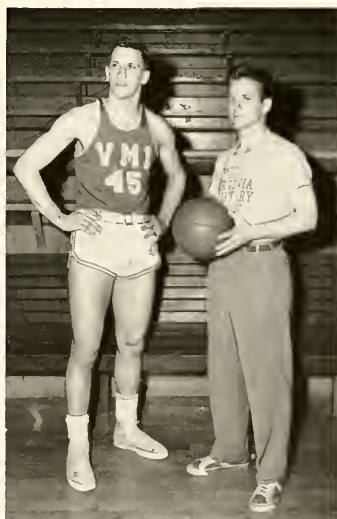
BASKETBALL

If anyone had predicted two years ago that, within two seasons, the Virginia Military Institute would send a team to the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament, that person would have been slated for a one-way ticket to the local booby-hatch—and would probably have stayed there for as long as the V. M. I. basketball team had reclined, unchallenged, at the bottom of the Conference standings, which was almost as long as man could remember.

And yet, if that prognosticator had somehow escaped the men in white and managed to line up a few "takers" he probably has enough "dough" today to make Ali Khan look like Silas Marner, for the 1954 rendition of the V. M. I. Hoopsters went right out and, not only won more games than any team for over ten years, but received a bid to play in the SC Tournament.

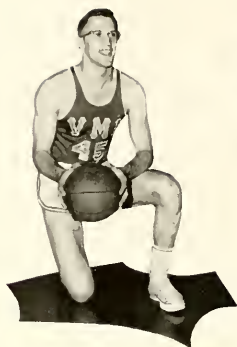
True the Keydet basketekers fell before the powerful Richmond Spiders in the first round, but that was only half the story. The Keydet Hoopsters, coached by the indefatigable Chuck Noe, and paced by a galaxy of steady performers such as Karl Klinar, Bill Ralph, Don Colwell, Charlie Byrd, Dick Fencil, Don Nyman, Frank Walters, to name a few, displayed the kind of basketball that hadn't been seen by Institute rooters since the middle thirties.

The Keydets, operating with the services of one basketball scholarship performer, and with individuals whose muscles still bulged with the brawn of football, showed that they were no longer the doormat of the Conference. Through the brilliant tutelage of Noe, who in the unbelievably short span of two years resurrected the Keydets from a lack-lustre, ill-functioning mechanical mess to a smooth-working machine, V. M. I.'s basketball team sang its first victory



Captain Karl Klinar and Coach Noe

Bill Ralph, Karl Klinar, Don Colwell



song in over a decade.

Not to be unrecognized are the heroics of Klinar, Ralph and Colwell. In this, their final year on the hardwood, the tireless threesome formed the nucleus for the team that topped perennially powerful William and Mary and played the SC champion George Washington Colonials down to the wire before succumbing to superior class.

Whether a new dawn rose with the eclipse of the

1954 version of the V. M. I. basketball team and V. M. I., with the aid of basketball scholarships, has passed from the darkness of the basketball night into at least an early haze of almost too-late recovery, or simply that Noe accomplished the near-impossible with what he had and is doomed to degenerate back to darkness with the graduation of Klinar, Ralph, and Colwell, remains to be seen. But the 1954 V. M. I. basketball team will be remembered for bringing the one harmonious note to an otherwise chaotic basketball tune.





First Row, Left to Right: Peters, Price, Robertson, Fravel, Mason, Fiske, Muldowney, Manager Snapp. Second Row: Coach King, Coombs, Remington, Godley, Boice, Coupland, Cowley

RAT BASKETBALL

The Freshman Basketball squad, coached by Clark King, experienced a moderately successful season. The team was selected from the outstanding players of the previous year from throughout the state and some out-of-state cadets had berths on the squad. This variation in placement proved to hinder the team's ability to play together. However, this flaw was soon overcome and the "Little Red" was on the road to perfection.

Long hours of practice, constant pressure, and many other ideas were employed in Coach King's scheme to build the team up. Soon these grueling sessions were becoming a natural part of each player's day and the race was on! Each game proved to be a challenge and these V. M. I. Cagers met this challenge with a spirit that speaks favorably of the Institute.

The use of the practice, the development of better "eyes", better and faster ball-handling, all these were incorporated in the team's brand of ball.

With the advantage of seeing a lot of action, some of these Freshman players will be in a position to instill in the Varsity next season a jealousy for their positions that may prove to make one of the best basketball teams that V. M. I. has ever seen.

A BUMPER YEAR





Co-Captain George Chumbly, Coach Noe, Co-Captain Bill Brehany

BASEBALL

April 9, on wind-whipped Alumni Field, the 1953 version of the V. M. I. baseball team made an uneventful debut, losing to visiting Long Island University, 10-7. However, the following afternoon, the Keydets out-slugged the Islanders 10-9 for its first win of the season. The victory was the first for V. M. I. but was by no means to be its last. The Keydets, under the tight reins of Coach Chuck Noe went on to compile an 8-10 record, including a five-game victory skein.

Noe, in his second campaign at the helm of the Institute nine, drove the team into a win compilation that exceeded any V. M. I. baseball team in over a decade. "Drove" is literally the word. The fiery ex-UVa. star ran the Keydets ragged in hustling them to a respected position in State collegiate baseball circles.

Looking over the records, it is plain to see that hustle alone accounted for the majority of V. M. I. wins. Without the drive—the added incentive—stimulated by Noe, a trait that's second nature to any winning formula, it is hardly probable that V. M. I. would have won three games all season. The Keydets suffered from a lack of front-line pitching, and an inconsistent batting attack.

Of Noe's Big 3 on the mound, Dave Crockett, Bill Ralph, and Bill Brehany, only the elongated fast-ball specialist, Crockett, proved a dependable performer, although the veteran Brehany twirled a few good



Front Row, Left to Right: Fulk, Fencel, Powell, Chumbly, Brehany, Woolwine, Sanguigni, Ralph, Ramer, Crockett. Back Row: Coach Noe, Assistant Coach Saunders, Witt, Rhodes, Crockett, Morgan, Foster, Morris, Beale, Roach, Crichton, Ewing, Walter, Manus



games. The hot and cold running hurler on the team was Ralph. The 6'5" goliath from Indianapolis was almost unbeatable on occasion, but failed to give Noe the consistency he badly needed. The lack of top-flight pitching, more than anything else, was the factor that forced the Keydets to settle for a mediocre season's mark.

Stand-outs on the squad were George Ramer, Frank Knoell, Jack Sanguigni, Dave Woolwine and the aforementioned Crockett. Ramer, prior to the campaign, laid claim to being the best receiver in the state, and before the season had terminated, proved that he was. The big catcher led the team in doubles, homers, RBI's and total bases, and was named catcher on the mythical All-State combine. Frank Knoell, a Rat from Orange, Va., proved to be the rookie sensation of the year. The right-fielder, batting fifth in the lineup, was one of the few long-ball swatters on the team, and led the squad at the plate for the early part of the campaign before tapering off to respectable .283 final season average.

Sanguigni, who, along with Ramer and Knoell, did most of the fence-rattling for the Keydets, presented a constant threat to opposing moundsmen. The keystone combination of Woolwine and George Chumbley was one of the bright spots in the V. M. I. baseball picture. Woolwine, an Abingdon, Va., lad converted from the outfield to short by Noe, looked as though he had covered the short field all his life. Not only was Woolwine's defensive maneuvers superlative, but the popular athlete banged out a .310 season's mark, second highest among the Keydet regulars.

The team batting crown was garnered by Crockett, who hit the horseshide at a sizzling .345 clip. "Country", a ballplayer's ballplayer was easily the most valuable performer on the team.

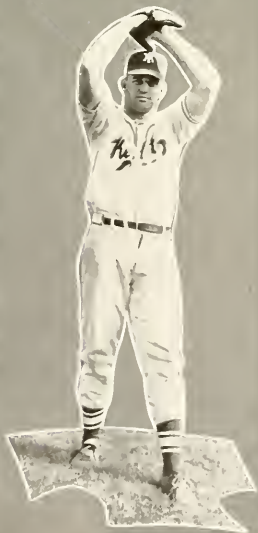
Graduation lopped off Chumbley, the second-sacker Noe called "one of the best competitors on the team," a player who committed but a single miscue during the entire season, centerfielder Curley Powell, an individual who, had he been able to hit one-tenth the way he covered the outer pastures, would have made one of the best ball players in V. M. I. history, and pitcher, Brehany.

Losses such as these cannot go unfelt, but, as this story goes to print, the Keydet baseballers have an unbeaten string of three straight, and appear to be headed for an all-time V. M. I. baseball record.



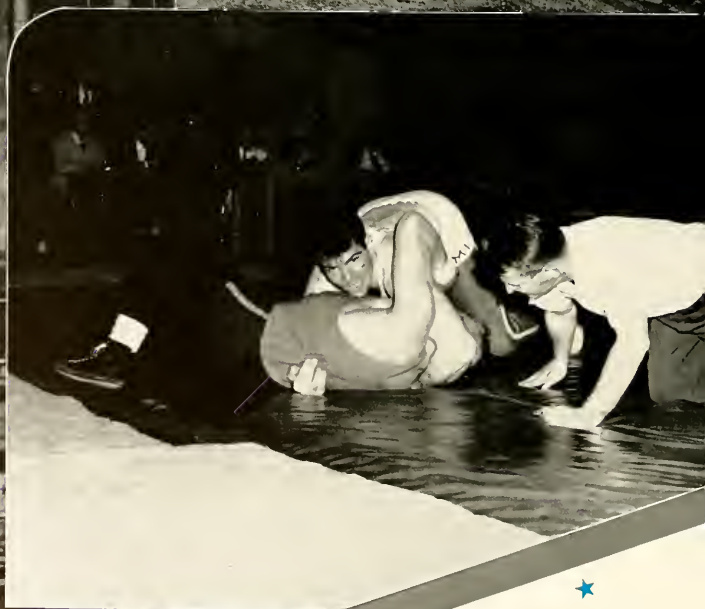
George Ramer, Jack Sanguigni

Top to Bottom: Alan Crockett,
Keith Ewing, Bill Ralph





MINOR SPORTS—
CHAMPIONS ALL





First Row, Left to Right: Cole, Mapp, Carter, Shay, McLain, Stroehmann, Taylor, Harrison. Second Row: Greene, Dillard, Kane, Angle, Higginbotham, McCrary, Warren, Klienpeter. Third Row: Mallo, Wilson, Davis, McDonald, Fowler, Bourke, Golla, Parker, McKemie, Managers—Brittigan, Farmer, Burks, Coach Cormack, White, Lavery, Jones, Levinson

OUTDOOR TRACK

The 1953 Outdoor Track Team Co-Captained by Frank Spencer and Herman Decker, had a three-win and three-loss season.

The first meet of the season was with the University of North Carolina. The Keydets were crushed by a score of 87-44 and morale seemed low after losing this season opener. However, hard work and good coaching soon brought the team back to crush William and Mary in its second meet by a score of 108-23.

The Cindermen also took their third meet, which was with the University of Virginia, by a score of 81-50. Next came the V. M. I.-V. P. I. meet and V. P. I. took the field from the V. M. I. runners by a score of $96\frac{1}{2}$ - $34\frac{1}{2}$. Then the Keydets met the Richmond "Spiders" and defeated them by a neat score of 76-55.

The last dual meet of the season before

the Big Six and Southern Conference meets was with West Virginia University which handed the Keydets a crushing defeat scoring



Herman Decker



84 points to V. M. I.'s 47.

The Big Six was next on the agenda and, after their previous showing during the season, the team was not too confident of winning. However, they did make a good showing and took second place in the state. The Southern Conference meet ended with V. M. I. in fifth place.

Although the season was not an outstanding one, there were two members of the team who made quite a name for themselves in track circles. They were Johnny Mapp and Ben Angle.

Mapp's best time of the season was an enviable 23.1 in the low hurdles which gave him a tie for first place in the nation. To top this honor Johnny was voted All-American in track for the season. A constant winner in his specialty, the Low Hurdles, he can also be counted on to place highly in the Broad Jump, High Jump, and 100-yard Dash. As an all-around track man Mapp is tops.

Ben Angle set a new school record in the Half-Mile with his top time of 154.1. Besides being one of the best half-milers in this part of the country, Ben also makes good showings in the Mile and the 440.

Mapp and Angle didn't take a vacation from track when summer Furlough started. They entered the N. C. A. A. at Lincoln, Nebraska and the National A. A. U. at Dayton, Ohio. Mapp took third place in the low hurdles.

There were other runners and field men on the team who turned in good performances and helped the team a great deal. Some of these men such as Co-Captain Frank Spencer, Jim McLain, Wayne Forsythe, and Paul Fortin graduated with the Class of '53 and are certainly missed by their teammates.

Top to Bottom: Swede Svendsen, George White, Jack Cole, Tom Kane



Left to Right: Dunseth, Taylor, McDonald, Robertson, Bourke, Tonkin, Willard, Dillard, Jackson, Angle, Captain Whitehurst

CROSS COUNTRY

For the fourth time in four years the Cross-Country team, captained this year by Bill Whitehurst, has won a state championship for V. M. I. This win climaxed an exceptionally successful year which saw the Harriers take second places in the Southern Conference and the State A. A. U. One of the best Cross-Country teams that V. M. I. has had in quite a few years, the team lost to only one team with which it competed.

The team began hard work almost immediately upon returning from summer furlough and they were in tip-top shape when their first meet of the season rolled around. They beat the University of Richmond "Spiders" by a rare perfect score of 15-53.

The Keydets were next challenged by William and Mary and they trounced them by an almost perfect score of 17-53.

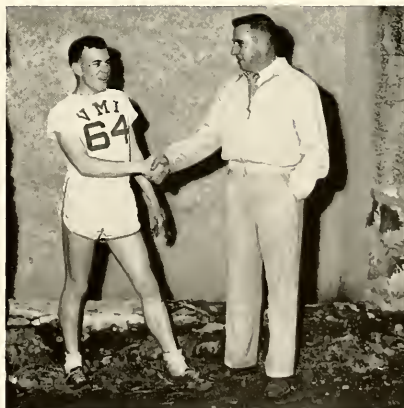
With two wins under their belts, the boys were ready to take on the University of Virginia and Roanoke College in the first triangular meet of the season. Again they came out on top with a score of 28 to Virginia's 77 and Roanoke's 37.

'Tis said that "into each life some rain must fall." The Harriers had their "rain" in the form of a powerful West Virginia team which edged out a ten-point win over the Keydets, giving them their first and only loss of the season. After this heartbreaker the team seemed determined not to let it happen again. It didn't, for in the last triangular meet of the season

they trounced Davidson and Washington and Lee by a score of 18-63-59.

The season was officially ended by the annual picnic-party which was held this year in the V. M. I. Field House.

With only one man being lost to graduation and quite a few good runners coming up from the rat team, next year should prove to be even better than this year for the Keydet Harriers.



Captain Bill Whitehurst and Coach Cormack



Captain Miles Nowitzky (Southern Conference Champion)

VARSITY WRESTLING

One of the hottest winter sports records turned in this year was by the wrestling team. The vastly improved grapplers faced a rugged schedule, and came out of it with an impressive record of eleven wins against only two losses. They lost to Auburn and Franklin and Marshall, two strong names in the mat game, but numbered such powers as West Virginia, Maryland, Duke, and Virginia among their victims. It was a Big Six championship for the matmen, and they won the Southern Conference dual meet title with ease. In the annual tournament, West Virginia prevailed, with V. M. I. a close second, and the Keydets captured three championships.

Coach Oscar Gupton did a great job with his team, which was average last year, and was supposed to be weakened by graduation. The wrestlers agree that Gupton deserves the credit, but Gupton insists that it was individual determination that won the numerous victories. This was indeed shown by the stellar performances of such stalwarts as Captain Miles Nowitzky, Jeff Robertson, Nick Servidio, Billy Berry, and Stewart Jones. They all turned in impressive individual win-loss records, and Nick, Jeff, and Miles wound it up as Champions of the Southern Conference tournament.



Front Row, Left to Right: Bryan, Trossell, Thomas, Moore, Barclay, Graber, Rogero. Second Row: Robertson, Thurman, Emerson, Trumbo, Berry, Jones, Hogshire. Third Row: Coach Gupton, Massie, Vitagliano, Stevenson, Captain Nowitzky, Thornton, Parker, Dautel, Manager Diamondidis



Billy Berry, Jeff Robertson (Southern Conference Champion), Nick Servidio (Southern Conference Champion)

Billy Berry lost in the finals in a real heartbreaker. Well to be remembered are the class of Miles, the skill of "Tiger Jeff," the speed of Billy, and the brute strength of "Scrap Iron" Nick Servidio. Stewart Jones came out for the varsity for the first time at the beginning of the season, and developed in short order into one of the team's outstanding grapplers. Tom Massie also showed a lot of promise, and should be

hard to handle by next year. Gus Barkley opened the season looking good, but was hampered by injuries towards the end.

It was the best season for the Keydets in many years, and with many new men and lots of ability left, next season should be an interesting one. Coach Gupton doesn't plan to rest on past laurels, but is looking forward for big things to come.



Berry, Nowitzky and Robertson Showing the Lights

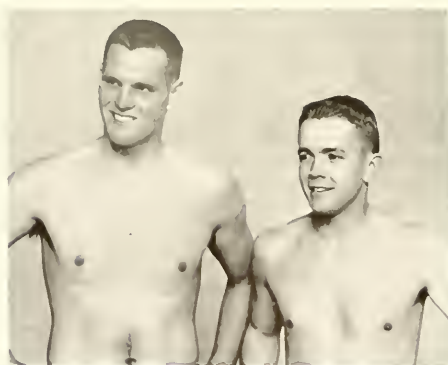


First Row, Left to Right: Lamb, Manager Berry, Langhammer, Peniston, Knapp, White, Thompson. Second Row: Stanley, Hoyt, Waring, Johnson, Brophy, Jackson, Cofer, Lamb. Third Row: McDonald, Prizzi, Ridgely, Hart, Boxley, Van Fossen, Coach Campbell

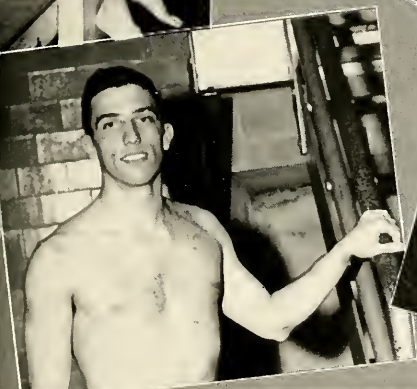
This year the Varsity Tankers took on a new coach, William Campbell, and with him another State Championship victory and a sweeping Southern Conference Title. The season proved to be one of the best in the

history of the institute with only one loss out of eight dual meets and two Championship wins.

The team opened the season with a full schedule including Catholic U., West Virginia, Duke, V.P.I., Virginia, and Lynchburg College. The climax of the season for the Keydets came in the State meet when the Tankers, after a close and hard battle, edged out the Wahoos to take the title. At the Southern Conference meet at the end of the season the finmen demonstrated much power and walked away with every first place honor to tally up a new scoring record. As it was said by a sportswriter, "V.M.I. walked away with everything but the Tech Pool."



Co-Captains John Peniston and John Knapp



Skip Thompson
Frank Boxley

Jim Berry
George White

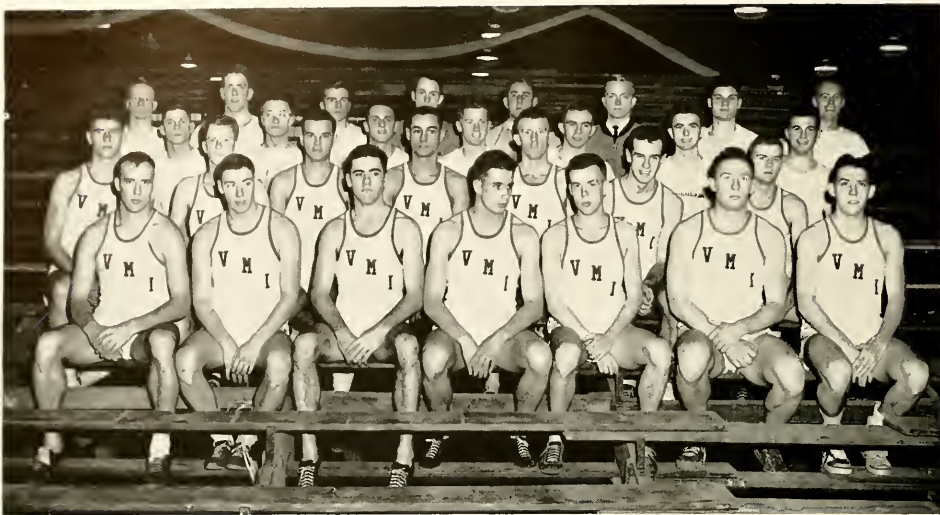
Tiger Jackson
Jay Langhammer

The only defeat of the season for the team came in the dual meet with Virginia. This one loss was due primarily to a large amount of sickness which hindered the striking power of the squad. However, the team experienced no other defeats during the entire season.

The mainstays of the team this year were Frank Boxley, Co-Captain John Knapp, Reg Ridgely, Bill Van Fossen, and Dick Hoyt. All these men were able to take first place

championships at the Conference. Ridgely, Van Fossen, and Hoyt represented V.M.I. at the Nationals and were able to turn in good showings. Throughout the whole season all members of the team showed much improvement and proved to be of great value to the team.

Thus with the most successful season in swimming in V.M.I. records, the Tankers, under the expert guidance of Bill Campbell, expect to better their record in the future.



First Row, Left to Right: Shay, Cole, Lavery, Mapp, Whitehurst, Carter, Decker. Second Row: Vaughan, Robertson, Higinbotham, Valentine, Hopkins, Bourke, Angle. Third Row: Svendsen, Maddox, Golla, Tonkin, Dillard, McCrary, Wilson. Fourth Row: Taylor, Miller, Dunseth, Burks, Coach Cormack, Farmer, Willard, Manager Wescott

INDOOR TRACK

The Indoor Cindermen opened their season this year by tromping Bridgewater College 86-18. Next came the third annual V. M. I. Winter Relays which were originated by Coach Cormack. In this mammoth meet the Keydets took three first places, three seconds, three thirds, and two fourths, standing second only to the University of Maryland which had four first places. This record is especially significant since such teams as the University of North Carolina and Duke University were also entered in the meet.

Next came the Big Six meet which the Thinclads won by a score of 73, more than the combined scores of the rest of the teams entered.

The Keydets continued their winning streak in the Southern Conference meet, taking first place with a score of 60½ and becoming the first V. M. I. athletic team to be both Big Six and Southern Conference Champions.

Captain Johnny Mapp, Ben Angle, and Troy Carter were the outstanding men on this year's team. However, meets are not won with only three men and such team members as Whitehurst, Decker, Shay, Svendsen, Hopkins, Higinbotham, McCrary, Greene, Vaughan, Valentine, Bourke, and Miller were also responsible for the making of a winning team.

Another feather was added to the caps of the already victorious team when they journeyed to North Carolina to compete in the Non-Conference Division of the Atlantic Coast Conference. They took first place in their division, beating out such powerhouses as Navy, Georgia Tech, and the University of Florida.

Certainly one of the best Indoor teams that V. M. I. has ever had, the Cindermen are looking forward to as good a team next year under the able direction of Coach Walt Cormack.



Front Row, Left to Right: Moreman, Brower, Atkinson, Yearger, Drake, Gillespie, Lewis. Back Row: Smith, White, Timms, Gee, Carstens, Wood, Bryan

GOLF

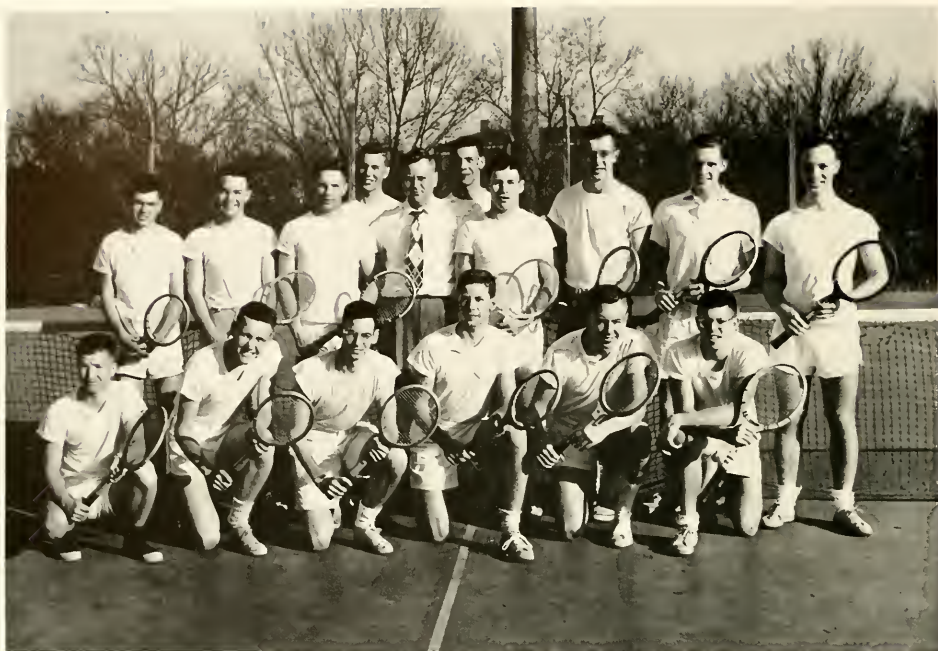
Each spring there is a group of Keydets who spend their afternoons chasing a little white ball over sunny fairways while their Brother Rats drill and parade. This group is better known as the V. M. I. Golf Team.

The Keydet linksmen battled their way to a winning 6 and 4 record over the Tri-Brook Country Club's challenging layout. Led by Co-Captains Bill Wood, the "old pro" from Richmond, and Bill (Brew) Bryan from Chattanooga, Tennessee, the golfers climaxed the season by placing second in the State Intercollegiate Meet at Hot Springs. In this meet, medalist Wood set an amateur 36 hole record with a 139 over a tough course that often gives the Pros trouble. He clearly established himself as a true champion throughout the season by holding down the number one spot and winning handily. But it was the well balanced strength on down the line that made this season a good one. Such long ball knockers as Monty White, Bob Gee, and Minor Lewis came through when the chips were down to win for the Big Red.

This year interest in Golf at the Institute experienced a surprising rise with a large turnout for the 1954 team. With the support now being received from the Athletic Department and the promising Rat team, V. M. I.'s golf future is a bright one.

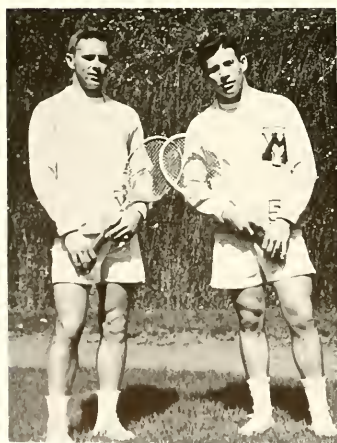


Co-Captains Bill Bryan and Bill Wood



Front Row, Left to Right: McDowell, Pilley, Reed, Peters, Mundy, Thompson. Second Row: Abell, Stokes, Drennen, Coach Clark, Berry, Bourke, Marshall, Tipton. Third Row: Aulick, Emrick

TENNIS TEAM



Don Drennen and Co-Captain Jim Berry

V. M. I.'s 1953 tennis team got off to a slow start this year dropping its first four matches before it could find the right combination to break into the winning column and finish up with a 5 win, 6 loss record.

Outstanding in the singles was Pete Grine who played beautiful tennis in the number one slot to pull a 7-4 record, the best on the team, against the best players the opposition could muster. He was backed up by Frank Pilley at the number two spot, Luke Witt at number three, Jim Berry number four, Don Drennen played number five, and the sixth spot was shared by Jerry Bourke, Bill Stokes, Skip Thompson, and Stuart McCloskey, all of whom played a winning brand of tennis.

In the doubles, Drennen and Witt were outstanding while Pilley and Berry and Grine and Bourke filled out the list. The balance of the team was such that the doubles teams were always changing and finished with a better record than the singles by winning 52% of their matches to 38% for the singles.

With only Grine, Witt, and McCloskey graduating, the 1953 team leaves more than a fine record to bolster next year's team.



First Row, Left to Right: Glenn, Barrett, Leopold, Campbell, Pettyjohn, Flynn. Second Row: Coach Sergeant Driskoll, Henderson, Hardy, Bowden, Lawless, Stickley, Greig

RIFLE TEAM

Encouraged by the newly won recognition by the Athletic Council, and the acquisition of six new Winchester 52 rifles, the V. M. I. Rifle Team posted its best record in recent history. The Marksmen won 14 shoulder to shoulder matches and lost 4—three of the four losses were avenged later in the season. Not only did they post an outstanding record in dual competition by defeating such teams as Tulane, L.S.U., George Washington, and Georgetown, but in the National Intercollegiate Match the top V. M. I. team won the sectional Championship in downing, among others, three V. P. I. teams and thereby gained a national standing that is likely to be the best among all the teams competing here at V. M. I.

All men on the varsity team are in ROTC—either Army or Air Force—and for military match firing the team is divided into the respective ROTC branches. This year the Air Force team had a particularly good season. Their most noteworthy accomplishment was placing ninth in the entire nation in the Hearst Trophy Match, fired by all Air Force ROTC rifle teams.

This year the Varsity Rifle Team pledged themselves to show great improvement provided they were given the proper equipment, and the V. M. I. monogram to work for. The concessions were made and the Rifle Team accordingly made good its promise. With continued interest shown and good coaching provided, the Rifle Team will gain fame in a new area of sports activity and furnish a source of pride to our alumni who expect to see V. M. I. in the win columns of all competitive athletics.



Captain RuDusky, Jundt, Dougherty, Runyan, Skinner, Chioco

FENCING TEAM

The V. M. I. Fencing Team, now in its first year, under the coaching of team captain, Basil RuDusky, and Jose Chioco, Philippine foil champion, proved that all the team needs is experience, and support from school and athletic authorities. We hope both will be gotten next season.

Thus far, the team has made excellent showings in all meets, losing its big meet with George Washington University by only a one point margin. In almost every meet, each member of the team entered in two weapons, and all have had a share in victory.

Next year the team plans to get an early start in order to train the many incoming freshmen. Fencing requires an exceedingly greater amount of practice and experience than most other sports, and in the future, V. M. I.'s fencing team will become a greater and more difficult obstacle in the paths of the fencing powers of the South. A larger and stronger schedule is planned for next year, including four visiting meets and possibly two tournaments for the top members of the team. Although the team will be considerably weakened by the addition of inexperienced men, the five men now composing the nucleus of the team will prove to be a decisive stumbling block in the victory-glazed eyes of many of their opponents.

The sabre fencing will be coached by Basil RuDusky, team captain, while the foil coaching will be handled by Jose Chioco—both will share in coaching the epee.

It is hoped that within a few years, V. M. I. will obtain a professional fencing master and thus be able to travel north of the Mason-Dixon line to invade the kingdoms of the intercollegiate fencing powers.

COL J. T. L. PRESTON



Front Row, Left to Right: Daniel, Parson, McClay, Openshaw, Haake, Pacheco, Gongora. Second Row: Brook, Fisher, May, Reese, Ansbacher, Lo. Third Row: Selinger, Blocher, Peniston, Manager Layman

SOCCER TEAM

One Sunday in the spring of '53 found about ten cadets out on the hill kicking around a volleyball; there was no soccer ball, nor shoes, but it marked the beginning of V. M. I.'s newest sport—soccer. The boys found such enjoyment in playing that they decided to begin a team. In barracks 36 men registered for the team and represented the beginning few. With no coach, money or recognition from the Athletic Council, process surged ahead with positive determination. Personal funds were used to buy equipment and a few official soccer balls. Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays found the team diligently practicing on their own time.

A short summer lapsed between the last practice in the spring and the first in the fall. This time didn't go to waste but was put to getting the first set of games for the fall. There were but three games—W. & L., Roanoke College and Duke. Still the team went on with no coach, but with guts and a hope of a better future. February, '54 came and marked the beginning of the team's luck. Captain Ducane Wolf, a graduate of West Point, was enlisted as an instructor in the ROTC staff and accepted the task of coaching our soccer team. Captain Wolf once said, "It was the determination of the cadets and their enthusiasm that made me accept the responsibility as a coach." Since then the Athletic Council has decided to consider the possible admission of soccer as a regular sport. This would mean official practice time and money for better equipment and overnight trips. Plans are in progress for a good schedule next year, which might include West Point, N. C. State, Maryland and U. Va.

In closing we would like to extend to those graduating members of the Class of '54, who played in our ranks with courage and gave us an example of leadership and a reason to miss them this coming season—George Hardy, Jack Daniels, John Peniston, Ed Santos and John LeDeaux—hearty congratulations and good luck on leaving V. M. I.

RAT INDOOR TRACK



Front Row, Left to Right: Moody, Smith, Ferrell, Sydnor, Wills, Salyer, Atkeson, Blanks. Second Row: Newcombe, Sessoms, Early, Richardson, Pawley, Harlin. Third Row: Manager Wilson, Dalton, Galvin, Shultz, Hammond, Jean, Batten, Manager Brittigan

RAT SWIMMING



Front Row, Left to Right: Spivey, Hammond, Dayenport. Second Row: Burns, Gilbert, Henderson, Woodward, Hall. Third Row: Manager Barthelmess, Schladtitz, Haas, Michelson, Brooks, Coach Campbell

RAT WRESTLING



Front Row, Left to Right: Wise, MacKay, Saunders, Pope, Bullis, Warner, Hubbard, Kallelis, Hancock. *Second Row:* Gilmore, Hunt, Avis, Fox, Davis, Rogers, Arpert, Honeycutt, Gardner, Long, LeBourdais, Assistant Coach Miller. *Third Row:* Coach Colonel Heffin, Shield, Yon, Parks, Bain, W. Kivlighan, Gabb, Anderson, Bolling, Rader, Munson, M. Kivlighan, Newbill, Hall, Manager Shattuck

V. M. I. CONTINUES TO WIN

At the beginning of this section a large amount of space was devoted to praising the athletic teams which have represented the Institute in all fields this year. However, there have been several developments since the beginning of the spring season which we have not been able to cover in the body of the section, and they are all of an outstanding nature.

The outdoor track team has turned in one of the most impressive records in V. M. I.'s history. Undefeated in dual meets, it lost only in the Virginia A. A. U. meet to the Marines of Quantico. In doing so, however, V. M. I.'s "Norfolk Flyer," Johnny Mapp, again proved to be the outstanding competitor, garnering three first place medals. He led the field home in the 220 yard low hurdles, the newly inaugurated 440 yard hurdles, and the 120 yard high hurdles. Ben Angle brought home the 440 title. In the field events, Dale Vaughn set a new state record with a leap of slightly over twenty-four feet. The team also became state champions and Southern Conference titlists.

The baseball team also turned in one of the best records in many years. With victories over Richmond, V. P. I., William and Mary, and Virginia, the Keydet baseballers wound up in a three-way tie for second place in the Big Six.

These are only a few of the outstanding achievements in the sports world which the Keydets have produced in the '54 season, but they are examples of the will to win which characterizes all V. M. I.

Activities







THE EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL COMMITTEES

The General Committee is the Corps Government. It serves as the representative of the Corps in controversies with the Institute, with Alumni, with other colleges, among the classes in barracks, or between individuals within these classes. It is composed of the officers of the First, Second, and Third Classes, the President of the Officers of the Guard Association, and two First Classmen elected at large. The historian of the Third Class serves as Sergeant at Arms and has no vote. This gives proportional representation to each class. This committee, presided over by the President of the First Class, hears cases and assigns penalties for infractions of its rules. This year these rules have been reduced to class privileges and Rat restrictions.

In order to enforce the high standards of public appearance and discipline in the Corps, a new judicial committee was formed. It is the Executive Committee, and is composed of the officers of the Second and Third Classes, and three first class members of the General Committee, one of whom is the President of the First Class. In addition one other First Class member of the General Committee serves as prosecutor, who thoroughly investigates each case, presenting in oral and written forms his arguments before the defendant and the Committee. The Executive Committee can be called into session at any moment, thus insuring swift, just trial of men charged with offenses of a serious nature.

The success of these organizations in their administrative and judicial functions depends, as always, on the wholehearted support of the Corps.



THE HONOR COURT

Certainly the most important of the several institutions that "make" V. M. I. is the Honor System, the formulation and enforcement of which devolves ultimately upon the twelve elected members of the Honor Court who represent the upper two classes. (There are nine first classmen, three second classmen on the court in addition to three non-voting third class representatives and, in the case of the trial of a member of the fourth class, a member of the lower class.)

The System itself has as its basic principal the fact that each cadet is honor bound to report to the Honor Court any breach of the Honor Code. A man failing to do so is considered to be as guilty as the original offender.

A violation of the Honor Code results in but one penalty—dishonorable discharge from the school and indefinite banishment from the post. Thus the trials conducted by the cadet Court necessarily rival their civil judicial counterparts in the thorough manner with which every possible amount of evidence is examined and in their hesitancy to even consider the case of a charged individual without a near guarantee of its validity.

Above all, the Court depends, for the continuance of the System along the admirable lines of the past, on the outward expression of an inward quality of the individual which some call character and others refer to as HONOR.



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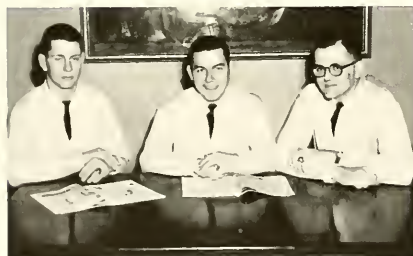
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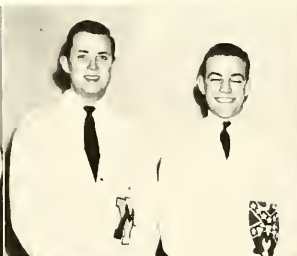
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The Turn-Out

The V. M. I. *Turn-Out*, to borrow one of its well known phrases, is a humor magazine, sort of. Jestng aside, its progress in the last two years has been great, and its contributions to the state press conferences have been valuable not only to the *Turn-Out* Staff, but to the staffs of other publications in the state. Henry Hulme as editor of the *Turn-Out* has made serious efforts to raise the calibre of the magazine and has made sizable strides toward that aim. With the cooperation of Bill Miller, Frank Conley, "Boots" Harmon, and all of the other members of the staff, the *Turn-Out* has produced its regular issues at every hop set, contributing to the merriment thereof.

There have been efforts recently to transform the *Turn-Out* into a literary magazine, but these have been successfully resisted. The need for a good humor magazine is great, for the ability of any group or individual to laugh at themselves is one of the best indications of good morale. The Corps has a lot concerned with its own activities about which it can laugh, and the *Turn-Out* is the best means to express this laughter.

The job executed by Henry Hulme and his staff has been a creditable one, and it is certain that the quality of the product will not suffer in the future. The new staff is able, and we hope that improvement will continue in the years to come.

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HOP COMMITTEE

As always, the V. M. I. Hop Committee maintained the Institute's reputation for having the best dances in the South this year, with

such outstanding performers as Ralph Merteric at Thanksgiving, and Dean Hudson and Elliott Lawrence at other sets during the year.

Again this year, the Hop Committee sponsored the selection of "Miss Easters," and her court, who were presented at the spring set in April. Gracing the occasion this year was Miss Sherry Crossley, "Miss Easters of 1954," escorted by Mr. Larry Armstrong.

The decoration of the floor of Coeke Hall entails a great deal of planning and effort, but as ever, the Hop Committee has carried off its burden with flying colors.

The Committee lost Colonel T. A. E. Moseley as its faculty advisor this year, and to him we render a sincere vote of thanks for his many years of service to the Hop Committee in that capacity. Selected as the new adviser was Lieutenant Colonel C. C. Tutwiler, who has quickly become an indispensable source of advice and aid to Harry Gowen and the members of the '54 Committee.



Lieutenant Colonel Carrington C. Tutwiler
Faculty Advisor



THE V. M. I. COMMANDERS

The V. M. I. Commanders have ever been one of the most popular student dance bands in this area. Featuring the trumpet work of leader, Teddy Benson, and the vocals of Joe "Cat" Carney, the group has worked its way into a reputation as a reliable dance group.

Teddy Benson took over the job of leading the Commanders three years ago, and relinquishes the baton this June with his graduation. V. M. I.'s Ray Anthony has maintained the reputation of the Commanders, and has brought praise to his band from many nearby girls' schools for the work he has done.

Joe Carney, a cadet vocalist with a slight professional background, has been one of the main drawing cards of the band for three years. With an individualistic style and a good personality at the mike, he has "wowed 'em" everywhere he has performed.

The Commanders have played dates at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Hollins, Sullins, Stuart Hall, and a number of other dates in the area. The group will sorely miss the work of its leader and its vocalist next year, but it will undoubtedly continue its record of fine performance.



THE GLEE CLUB

The V. M. I. Glee Club is perhaps the best publicity organization in the Corps. Under the leadership of Colonel Herbert Nash Dillard, it has over the years, brought untold amounts of praise to the Institute.

The largest extra-curricular organization at V. M. I., the Glee Club contains approximately one hundred members, of which about eighty are used in concert work. The work of the Glee Club has included concerts in Richmond's Mosque, the Greenbrier Hotel, Lynchburg, Norfolk, Roanoke, and several other appearances. In the past, V. M. I.'s choral group has appeared at the convention of the American Manufacturer's Association in New York and with the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Howard Mitchell. One of its most inspiring per-

formances each year is its appearance in the National Cathedral in Washington.

The Glee Club has progressed under the guiding hands of Colonel Dillard to one of the foremost choral groups in the south, and its stature is great, not only in the eyes of cadets, but in those of many who appreciate the organization and its ability to conquer serious music as well as the light works which always serve to add vitality to a program.

The Glee Club is an organization of which the Corps has every right to be proud, and it will undoubtedly continue to be such in the future. The thanks of all are due Colonel Dillard and the organization's members and officers.

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H. N. DILLARD
DIRECTOR



THE GLEE CLUB
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 TO VINDICATE HER HONOR OR DEFEND HER RIGHTS



THE MONOGRAM CLUB

The V. M. I. Monogram Club is made up of lettermen from all of the major and minor sports in the Institute's athletic program. The men who choose to enter the club do so voluntarily and at the price of a week's return to the rat line, during which they are subject to the tortures of the old members.

The Club is directed toward fostering better relations with visiting teams. In the past it has contributed money toward the improvement of visitor's quarters and seeks in every instance to maintain the high standards of good sportsmanship between V. M. I. and its opponents which have become the Institute's trade mark.

The Monogram Club sponsors a minstrel show the Wednesday night before the V. M. I.-V. P. I. football game each Thanksgiving as a fund-raising activity. As usual, its production was filled with hilarity and fun, poked indiscriminately at any target which happened to fall in the way.

The Monogram Club serves to draw V. M. I.'s athletic brotherhood closer together, and it is a vital force in building the famous "V. M. I. Spirit."

American Society of Civil Engineers

The Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers operates under the auspices of the A. S. C. E. Its principal purpose is to acquaint the undergraduate with the national society and its functioning so that the graduating civil engineer will apply for membership in that organization. This is accomplished by several different means, such as technical papers, movies, and inspection tours of industrial installations.

Throughout the year chapter and sub-chapter meetings are held for speakers and programs on various aspects of engineering which are of interest to the group. Membership in this organization is open to men enrolled in civil engineering in the three upper classes. Under capable leadership this year, the group has completed several interesting and informative trips to nearby plants and in projects.

One of the outstanding events of the year was the presentation of two papers at the convention in Atlanta by "Buddy" Bare and "Buddy" Hubbard of the First Class. They won the right to deliver these papers at the convention through stiff competition, and found their efforts well received in Atlanta.

The V. M. I. Chapter of the A. S. C. E. has received a certificate of commendation eighteen times from the parent A. S. C. E. Chapter. These certificates have been presented in recognition of excellence in the effective and meritorious conduct of chapter affairs.





VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

The V. M. I. Chapter of the Virginia Academy of Science is composed of members of the three upper classes who are studying the pre-medical curriculum. It is organized to aid their instruction by presenting outstanding doctors and scientists interested in fields related to the course of study.

Led by a strong nucleus from the First Class, this group has heard a number of distinguished men of the medical profession, members of the V. M. I. and Washington and Lee faculties, and several guests who have presented papers and programs on vital subjects.

The organization is sponsored by Colonel Robert P. Carroll, head of the pre-medical department. Without Colonel Carroll's leadership and counsel, the organization would be seriously handicapped, for it is his guidance which contributes to the group's success.

The members of the First Class in the organization are engaged at the present time in plans for leaving a plaque, to be executed by W. M. Simpson, as a memorial on the Biology Building. Under the able lead of such men as Al Miller, Bill Miller, Al Cramer, and Paul Meyer, the V. M. I. Chapter of the Virginia Academy of Sciences has enjoyed one of its most successful years since its organization in 1949.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS

It was not until the fall of 1949 that V. M. I. saw the installation of a physics course in its curriculum, and though its numbers have grown slowly, the group which composes the V. M. I. Chapter of the Student Section of the American Institute of Physics has been outstanding in almost every endeavor.

The objective of this organization is to offer the physics majors a more complete understanding of physics and the practical fields of its application. The organization was one of the first of the Student Sections of the A. I. P. which was organized, for it was not until 1951 that such chapters were initiated by the parent organization.

Under the leadership of Tom Mayo, the V. M. I. Chapter has experienced a profitable year, with several interesting speakers and field trips to broaden the scope of knowledge of its members. In addition to its regular activities, the chapter sends representatives to the annual convention of the Virginia Academy of Science, and their contributions have been consistently outstanding.





AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

The V. M. I. Student Chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers is an organization composed of the three upper classes pursuing the Electrical Engineering course. Its objective is to provide the student with information through lectures, movies, and inspection tours beyond the limits of the curriculum. The Chapter has been under the leadership of Bill Berry this year, with Al Mattox and J. P. Hart as vice president and secretary respectively.

Under the capable direction of these men along with the counsel of Major L. L. Nichols, the chapter of V. M. I. experienced great success during the year. One of the many highlights of the year was the trip to Claytor Dam, where a hydroelectric station was inspected by the cadets. It is through trips of this nature that the cadets gain knowledge that is invaluable in the classroom.

Equal in experience gained was the trip taken to Raleigh, North Carolina, to the annual A. I. E. E. Student District Meeting. It was at this meeting that R. L. Modjeski presented his paper on "Transistors theory."

In the highly technical world, the need for electrical engineers will increase. It is for this reason that the A. I. E. E. at V. M. I. is trying to acquaint the cadets with the latest developments in the engineering field.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

The membership of the American Chemical Society is drawn from the Chemistry sections of the three upper classes, and its purpose, like that of all other clubs of this sort at V. M. I., is the enlargement of the knowledge of the fields of chemical endeavor for the men who will leave the Institute and enter the world of chemistry as a career.

The V. M. I. Chapter of the American Chemical Society accomplishes this goal by means of special demonstrations, films, lectures by authorities from nearby schools and industries, and papers presented by its own members. The last medium is probably one of the most stimulating, since it requires a large amount of research for the students while generating extra attention of the members of the Society.

In addition to its programs at evening meetings, the A. C. S. sends members to the annual convention of the Virginia Academy of Science at Charlottesville in conjunction with the V. M. I. Chapter of that organization.

The field of chemistry grows more important every day, and those who enter it must be fully acquainted with contemporary developments in research and application of new methods. It is with this fact in mind that the V. M. I. Chapter of the American Chemical Society carries on its activities in an attempt to make cadets who graduate more broadly equipped to meet the needs of their careers.





INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The V. M. I. International Relations Club is organized from a select group of cadets who meet regularly to broaden their knowledge and comprehension of international affairs. The impossibility of obtaining sufficient knowledge of contemporary political, social, and economic problems in class presents a broad field for such an organization, and the members of the I. R. C. have taken full advantage of this opportunity.

The programs of the I. R. C. have been open to the Corps and have featured addresses by professors from Washington and Lee and other nearby schools, foreign military attaches, and experts in specific fields, such as Professor Katzutaka Watanabe of Cornell, who spoke on the rearmament of Japan.

In addition to its programs on the campus, the V. M. I. group has sent several outstanding delegates to various conventions of I. R. C. groups, and has been successful in making measurable contributions to those meetings.

This year, the club has been under the leadership of Leonard Harmon, and has benefitted by the able and dynamic guidance of Captain Tyson Wilson, its faculty advisor.

OFFICER OF THE GUARD ASSOCIATION

The Officer of the Guard Association is composed of all those first class privates on the officer of the guard roster. Properly organized and run, it has ever been one of the most powerful forces for enforcement of the class system in barracks. Under the presidency of Miles Nowitzky, the O. G. A. has functioned with its usual efficiency this year.

The O. G. A. serves as a center of interest for first class privates, and its members are essential in building the morale and discipline of each company. A representative of the organization is selected in each company to act as a responsible party in enforcing the class system in company ranks. It has long been said that the success of a company depends on the calibre of its privates, and it is the aim of the Officer of the Guard Association not only to contribute to the success of each company, but through such action, to bolster the appearance and spirit of the Corps as a whole.

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ARMED FORCES CLUB

The Armed Forces Club is dedicated to the dissemination of information concerning all branches of the service. It is primarily for those men who contemplate regular service as a career. The programs of the club are intended to inform all members concerning the various phases of modern warfare. In addition to a number of competent speakers, the club has sponsored a series of authentic movies and combat films for both monetary and informative purposes.

One of the outstanding events of the year was a trip to Quantico sponsored by the Armed Forces Club, primarily for members in the lower classes. The trip was highlighted by a combat demonstration which included use of helicopters as transport craft in close support work.

A relatively new club, the Armed Forces Club is valuable to all members of the Corps for its efforts to keep cadets informed on military matters. Its membership has swelled this year until it has become one of the largest extra-curricular groups at the Institute. Its popularity is good testimony as to its general effectiveness in accomplishing its goals.

TIMMINS CLUB

The Timmins Music Club is directed toward the care and improvement of V. M. I.'s classical music library, the Timmins Memorial Music Room, begun as a contribution by the parents of Lieutenant John Timmins in memory of their son, who was killed in the Korean conflict.

The music room now contains a reasonably complete collection from the stand-points of both history and pleasure, and it is the duty of the members of the Timmins Club to monitor the use of the listening booths, maintain the recordings, purchase new albums, and care for the equipment in the room.

Under the leadership of Al Miller, the club has performed its function extremely well this year. A large number of new albums were purchased under the guidance of Colonel Lancaster, the group's faculty advisor. Colonel Lancaster has been a driving force behind the activities of the club, and is, in large measure, responsible for the quality and scope of the present collection.

Membership in the Club is limited and is gained by invitation of the group each spring.





WAITERS

The cadet waiter system was installed in the fall of 1952, and has since been declared an unusual success. Its effect has been to save the Institute a large sum of money and to create a fund which may act as a short term loan to the Institute, as a result of the fact that cadet waiters are not paid until the end of the year.

Acting as head waiter this year has been Al Miller, and in spite of more than one sorely trying moment, his tireless effort in connection with the many problems of food service has paid off in greater efficiency in several fields. There has been a marked improvement in the cleanliness of utensils, speed of service, and several other important matters.

Without the able service of the rest of the staff, however, Al's work would have been to no avail, and a great deal of credit is due the members of the cadet waiter organization.

Awarded on the basis of financial need, the waiterships are an added boon to the Institute since they act in the capacity of scholarships to men who formerly would have required aid from some other source.





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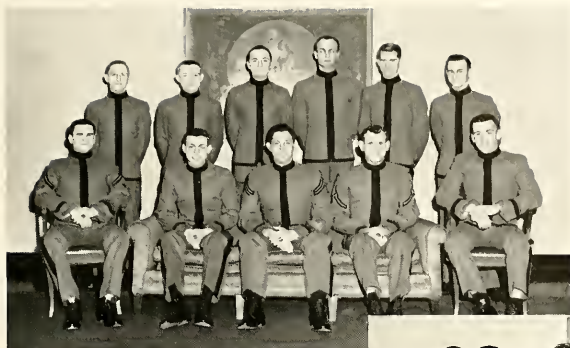
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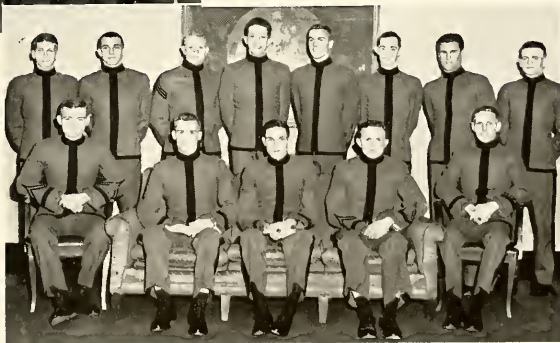
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RING FIGURE

Ring Figure, that "Once in a lifetime," eventually came for the Class of 1954 in late November, 1952. Awaited as the outstanding social event of each cadet's life at the Institute, with the exception of his graduation, Ring Figure provides a thrill unequalled by any other occurrence.

The week end passed for the Class of '54 all too quickly. We danced, we partied, we went on picnics, we were greeted with snow, we got tired and cold, but we had an unforgettable and enjoyable experience. However, amidst all the levity, there was, as ever, a note of seriousness, for the receipt of the ring is symbolic to the V. M. I. Cadet as it is to few other college students in the country. The ring represents an untold amount of hard work, of disappointment, of friendship, and happiness. It denotes membership in a body bound close by a common experience and a common pride, and gives the right to represent a continuing history of outstanding contribution to the nation and its welfare.

Amidst all the festivity, the lights, the pleasure of that very special girl, we all found that the best feature of Ring Figure was the sense of gratification and accomplishment brought by the placing of that ring on our fingers.



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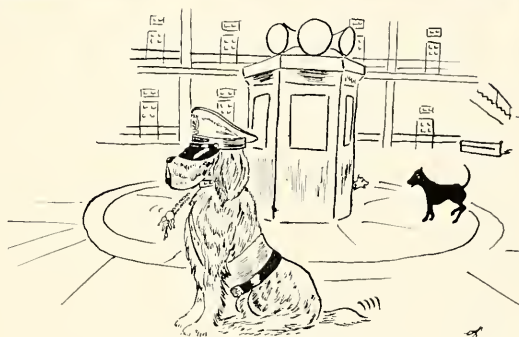


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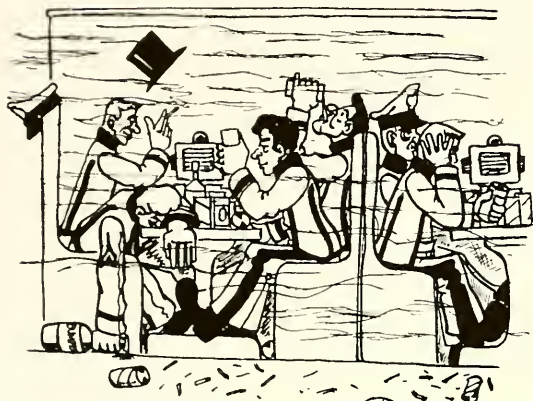
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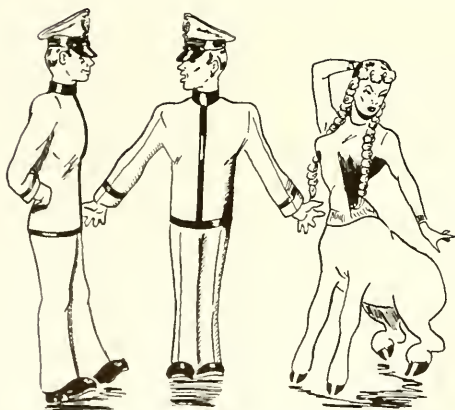
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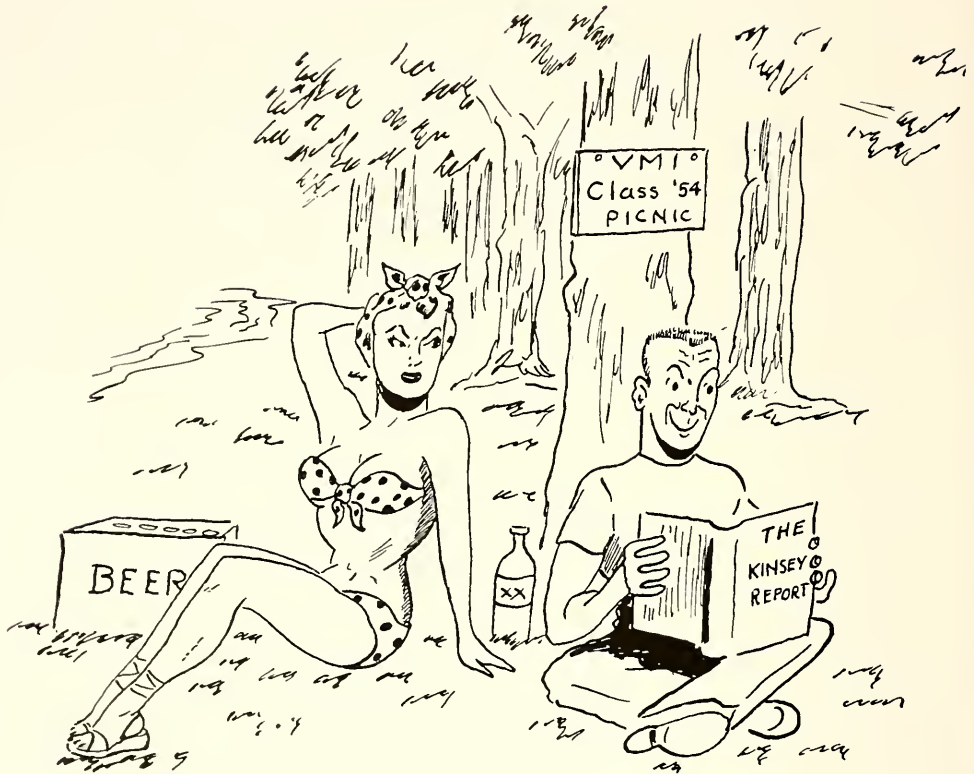


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IN THE interview below, which appeared in the RICHMOND NEWS LEADER on October 27, 1953, Elliott B. Macrae (V. M. I., 1922) states the publishing philosophy with which he guides the 102-year-old E. P. Dutton & Company, Inc., of which he is president. Dutton is always on the lookout for interesting new manuscripts, and offers an especially sympathetic reception to the literary work of V. M. I. graduates, their families and friends. Please write to Mr. Macrae or John P. Edmondson (V. M. I., 1924), Vice President of E. P. Dutton, about any likely manuscript.

Book Publisher Occupies Time In Search for Adventure

BY ROBERT McNEIL

Elliott Beach Macrae is looking for adventure.

As a publisher, Macrae believes people want more adventure in their lives and it's his job to get it for them.

One thing he's sure of: Nothing will ever take the place of a good book.

The publisher, whose father left Richmond to become the second president of E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., believes a book is the only thing a person can be alone with and allow his imagination to soar.

"A person can stop and meditate with a book," Macrae said here during an interview.

Finding the books that fulfill the readers' desires is a much more difficult matter than formulating ideas about what people want to read.

FORTUNATE YEAR

Macrae, who was graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1922, has had what he believes was a fortunate year.

A year ago, he decided 1953 would be a "mountain year." Always interested in mountain climbing, he went abroad looking for mountain books.

He arranged to get "The Story of Everest," by W. H. Murray, and "The Mount Everest Reconnaissance Expedition," by Eric Shipton.

Publication date for the two books was set May 29.

As it turned out, May 29 was the date the British expedition reached Everest's summit for the first—and so far, only—time in known history.

Macrae plans to publish the story of that famous mountain-climbing feat by Brigadier General Sir John Hunt, who led the expedition.

But Macrae is in love with Annapurna—a 26,493-foot mountain peak in Tibet scaled by a French expedition before the higher Mt. Everest was conquered.

FIRST SUCCESS

Annapurna also is the name of a book by Maurice Herzog, the Frenchman who got to the top of that peak.

"It's the first real mountain book that's been successful," Macrae said, and that's what makes him so proud.

Macrae ran across Herzog's dramatic story by accident in Europe, and arranged for an option on it after seeing the pictures only—he was unable to read the French text.

"It was just something I felt," he explained.

In his search for adventure stories, Macrae successfully hit on mountain climbing for this year. He was asked, naturally, what will be the theme for next year.

He spoke of the Piccards, the Frenchmen who went deeper into the ocean than any other men, and then said he wasn't sure.

"You can go up, you can go down, and you can go this way," he said, extending his hands outward.

'WHAT'S NEXT?'

"I don't know what will be next," he said. Then he pulled a book from his briefcase entitled "Seven Years in Tibet." It's the story of an Austrian, who was captured during World War II in India by the British and escaped over the lofty mountains into Tibet where he lived for five years with the Dalai Lama. The pictures in this book, also, are what attracted Macrae.

When selecting books, Macrae has a diamond tie pin to help him. The pin was given to the Dutton editor who refused the manuscript for "The Prisoner of Zenda." The donor was the publisher to whom the Dutton man sent the author of one of the world's famous adventure stories. The pin has been handed down through the Dutton ranks and now Macrae wears it as a reminder to watch each manuscript carefully.

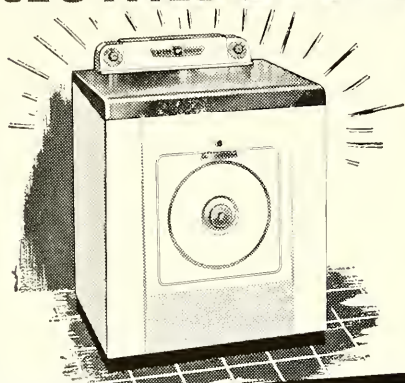
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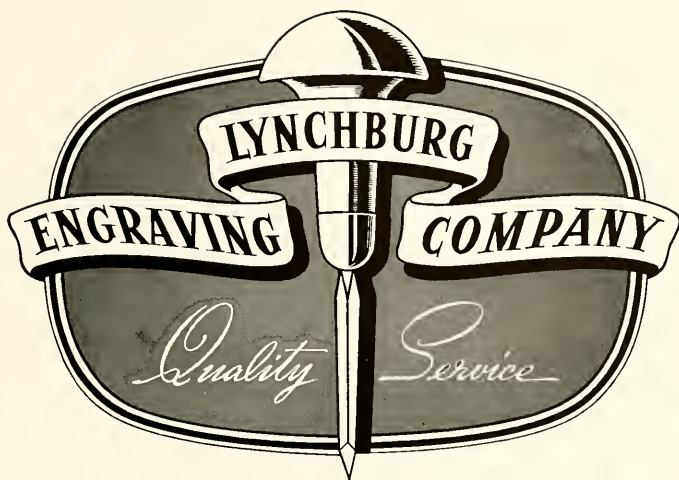
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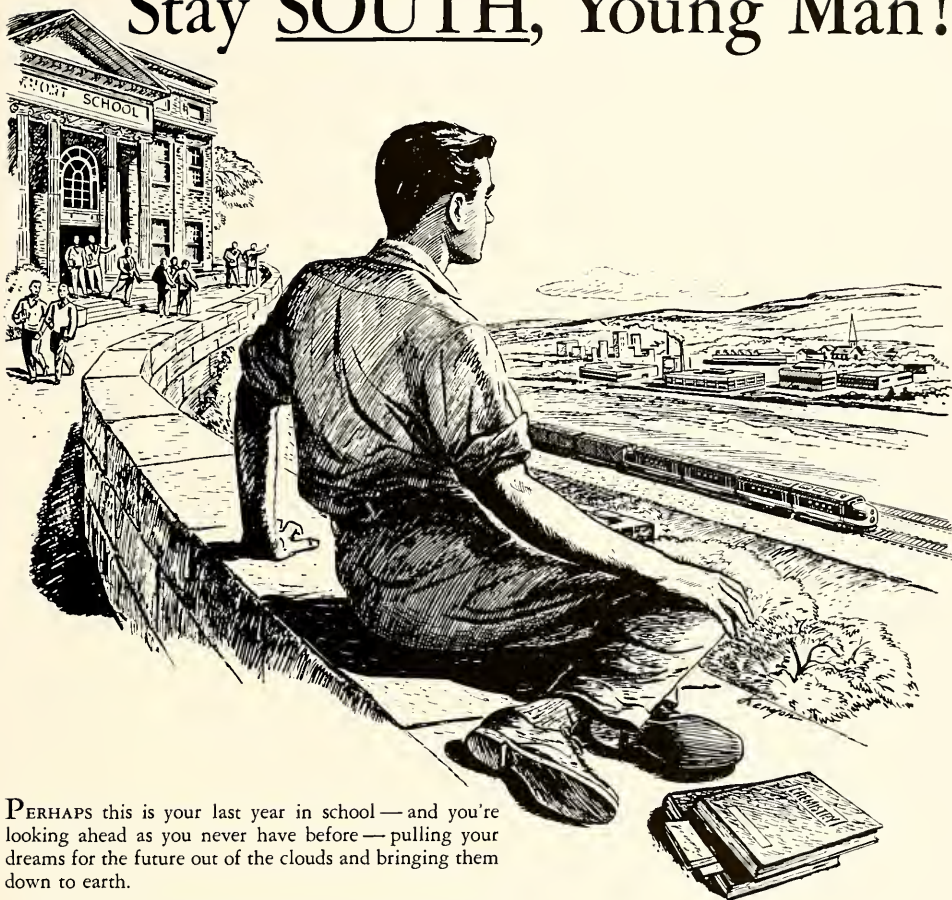
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